

lot of my constituents would love to be making a salary that our constitutional officers are. And it's kind of amusing that even constitutional officers are lobbying pretty strong for this. I find it real amusing, and I think John Q. Public needs to know that that's going on. Where do we continue to get the money to keep funding all the things that we're passing? We spend more and more every year, and we create more programs, and we create more bureaucracy with raising people's salaries. I'd like to get more money, too, but that's not possible. It's getting unbelievable how we spend in here and then the Governor, whoever they are, has to veto out millions of dollars. And what would you do, if you was Governor sitting over there, in either political party? We are spend, spend, spend. You know I got a little saying that I'd like to give you, government spends what government receives, plus whatever they can get away with. I'd like to repeat that. Government spends what government receives, plus whatever they can get away with. And we're getting away with way too much. I ask you to sustain the Governor's veto.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, please, followed by Senator Withem.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, these salaries can only be increased once every four years. And at the rate we find them now an increase is justified. For Senator Peterson and others who are queasy about raising salaries, there is another bill coming up where a salary increase that was put in some time ago has not even been realized yet, and they're trying to get some additional increases. So, if you're going to take out after that kind of activity, wait for that bill. They don't have to wait every four years as these constitutional officers do. And these constitutional officers do not have the lobbyists, Senator Peterson, that that other group does. So I think it would be fair to override, in this instance. And I strongly support the override. Senator Peterson asked what would we do if we were Governor. Were I Governor, Senator Peterson, this bill would have been signed and I would have been speaking directly in favor of increases for the people in these various offices. As Senator, Senator, ah, my seatmate, Senator, Senator, what's that man's name? Senator "Carton", Senator "Carton", oh, Senator Boxes, (laugh) I'm sorry. As Senator Boxes said, we should do this, and I agree with him 100 percent.