

fashion. In 1971, there was an increase by the Labor Committee; 1976 by the Labor Committee; 1977 LB 302 was introduced and referred to the Business and Labor Committee; 1979 LB 444 was introduced and referred to the Business and Labor Committee; 1981, the last time the compensation was increased, LB 188 was introduced by the Judiciary Committee and referred to Business and Labor Committee for hearing. I think it's time that the compensation was increased. It has been 10 years since it has, but I do raise serious objections to this method. I would suggest as a general rule the Appropriations Committee does not introduce substantive law changes unless it is to increase fees to raise revenues in years of budget constrictions. LB 856 is a minimal impact of a little bit over \$21,000 so it was not a budget measure breaker, and it is certainly I think called for at this time. But I would suggest in the future that a little more caution was used when a committee such as Appropriations introduces what is for the individuals, a substantial salary increase without a public hearing, provide opportunity for objections to this particular issue. With that, I would again state that I am going to vote to advance LB 856, but would encourage that this sort of activity does not become a general practice on the floor of this body. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Anyone else wishing to discuss the advancement of LB 856? Senator Moore, do you wish to close?

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I listened to Senator Coordsen and I don't necessarily disagree with his statements that this is structuring the realm of the process. I don't think it's...as Senator Coordsen mentioned though, he is of the opinion these need to be increased. Obviously when the Commission on Industrial Relations came into our committee hearing they did request such an increase. You know, whether it's an increase or a decrease, there are a lot of things that are in statute that affect the budgeting process and just like with the two fee bills that have been now heard and reported out of committee in an amended form, if Senator Coordsen...Senator Warner, you get into a budget, this is a whole different issue in this one, when you get into a budget cutting session there are a variety of things that are in statute that need to be changed on the down side as well as on the up side and I...though I agree, I understand Senator Coordsen's concern. As he himself mentioned this is a merited increase. I take his...I heed his scolding and I would only hope that myself and members