

undertake at this time. There's another issue Senator Chambers raised, Senator Moore may speak to it, Senator Moore brought it back. We have many state agencies now that are vulnerable, that are on the state pay plan, but are vulnerable to...their jobs are vulnerable at all times to the whim of agencies. So it is...there are others that are at risk that are not getting, you might say, compensated for that risk or vulnerability in their job. But it just seems to me that in a year such as this that it would be proper to hold the line and at least set an example. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Madam Chairman, I'd like to ask Senator Moore a question.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes.

SENATOR HILLMAN: In looking at the comparison between legislative pay plan and the state pay plan, does the state pay plan have any additional benefits in that pay package? I mean are any of their insurance paid, or anything like this, their premiums, more so than on the legislative side?

SENATOR MOORE: Oh, no, I think the benefits would be the same, to my knowledge. I don't know why...I don't know where the difference would be.

SENATOR HILLMAN: The premiums, the insurance premiums...

SENATOR MOORE: They're all under the state health insurance, so they're the same.

SENATOR HILLMAN: But on legislative ones they pretty well pick up their own, don't they?

SENATOR MOORE: No, you and I as legislators don't, but our employees have the same insurance benefits as any other state employee does.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Ours, too, is that correct?

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, yes.