

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Moore, if this amendment is adopted, will you refuse to give your employee a merit increase above the one and a half percent?

SENATOR MOORE: I can't...I've thought about that, Senator Chambers. I will have difficulty doing that, obviously, even though I certainly think they deserve it. I've thought about that would really put me in a compromising position, so I don't know what I'd do at this time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is it likely that you would give the increase that you think the person merits, or to be consistent, which is the hobgoblin of small minds, you would refuse to give the amount that you think your employees merit?

SENATOR MOORE: Well, the answer to the question is, do you think my employees deserve a merit increase, by the standard that I would use for that, I would say, yes, they would.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And would they deserve more than one and a half percent, by your standard?

SENATOR MOORE: Would they deserve more than one and a half?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you give it, if we adopt this amendment?

SENATOR MOORE: I don't know.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think it would be just to deny a person a raise that they're entitled to, if the funds are there to give it? Is that justice?

SENATOR MOORE: Well, there's a lot of definitions of justice, it would probably be a hard one to explain to them, I imagine.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: By your definition, would that be just, so I can see what manner of man you are.

SENATOR MOORE: If you're looking at the picture, as I