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the Legislature showed itself to be what it is, you all are going to find out how if I don't fight for certain things for the legislators as a member of the Executive Board, you all are going to get cut on a lot of these things that you all have been enjoying. Did you hear what I say? You are going to be cut on a lot of these things you have been enjoying. And as for those employees of some of these senators who run around here trying to undermine, your salaries are not given to you as a willingly granted thing by the members of the Executive Board, I fight in that Executive Board and I fight out here for you to get that salary. But sometimes to bring understanding, the same shoe that other people's foot is in, yours must be put in. And the same lack of security that others face, you need to face. So when we talk about cutting the employees of the Legislature, you might have to find somebody else to fight for you, and then you are going to see how much your senator thinks of you; how many things you will not have when I cease to push for them for you. So start thinking in realistic terms, and if I decide not only to not fight for you, but to suggest some cuts in the number of employees that committee chairs can have, I think that can be achieved because they do have extra people, and you will find then that if you are deprived of an income, and you cannot find a decent job, and you are out there trying to find a way to make ends meet, and you talk about the fact that you have a family, nobody cares in the same way we don't care about these people. You just happening to be joining the group that you and your kind have done so much to create a generalized contempt for. The senators here who will travel from more than 50 miles away get as much in per diem each day, that is, each day as these poor women would get in a month. Do you hear what I say? And you know how you got the per diem. I fought it, overrode a Governor's veto, and forced the Attorney General's hand to get it in the court. That's why you all get more per diem than you get in salary. That might not be the case now for all of you because there was a salary increase. You need to know the source of some of these things that you get that you take for granted, that you would not have if it were left to you. And knowing these things and the role that I have played in trying to upgrade the Legislature, do you think I am going to come around here and plead and beg and try to get along with you? You need to get along with me. How do you think there was even the chance to get enough space for you to have offices, for you to get decent furniture? You all would complain about it,...

SENATOR CONWAY: One minute.