

Illinois. Louise is a niece of Patty Wade who has the misfortune of working for Senator Kristensen. Louise, would you please stand and be recognized. On the legislative resolution, Senator Witek, followed by Senator Schellpeper, Wesely and Wehrbein.

SENATOR WITEK: Mr. Speaker, senators, I would like to ask Senator Chambers a couple of questions on your bill, and I apologize, if you answer these, I was talking about another bill.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's all right.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR WITEK: On page 2, line 14, I need to know who are the other state officers that we're being compared to.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I handed out a sheet. All these constitutional officers, and it also, the sheet also shows county officials.

SENATOR WITEK: Okay, the only sheet that I have kind of gives their...it just says benefits available to elected officials.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Uh-huh, elected state officers, state officials, all the state officials, all the constitutional...

SENATOR WITEK: Everybody who is elected.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...officers.

SENATOR WITEK: Constitutional officers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Uh-huh. And the others probably can. See, only the constitutional officers have references to themselves in the Constitution,...

SENATOR WITEK: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...but other...but the constitutional officers other than us don't have their salaries set in the Constitution. So, since a pension plan, for example, is considered delayed compensation or deferred compensation, they can participate in those kind of programs. There is an absolute