

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...is have some bananas above their head, and in order to reach those bananas the monkey has to stack three boxes, one on top of the other, and take a three foot stick and knock down the banana, maybe this salary would be adequate for that. But based on what we want done the salary suggested by Senator Vrtiska is inadequate, in my opinion. So I will not support his amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. Senator Vrtiska, if I could get you and Senator Chambers and maybe we can get this ironed out. What I hear is the uneasiness about tying it, and now that we've discussed that there wouldn't be those raises or those increases on people on a permanent basis, is that we ought to take and make them state employees, like they are, but treat them like we would every other state employee, put them on a salary grade, and, Senator Chambers, would that be acceptable to you?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, Senator Kristensen, because I was slightly distracted, they would be in this position then they would get periodic increases, like everybody else?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, they'd be like every other state employee.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: But we'd start them off at whatever that salary gra...or find that grade that gets them started off that sort of satisfies what Senator Vrtiska wants to do, and that's start that grade lower than what I've got it anyway, but that they're treated like every other state employee.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would it be a little higher than Senator Vrtiska's amount, or haven't you reached that?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, I don't have the salary grades right in front of me.