

compromise is maybe only one penny. The increase is still there. You have it over two years. So...and I realize, it was probably one of those compromises where they're really biting their lip and probably wish they wouldn't have said anything in terms of that process. But I would like to see and allow Senator Robinson and those, the others that want to get involved, look at this whole process and see how we can improve it. So I will ask that you support my amendment. We delay the second increase anyway until we get some more information. Thank you.

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

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, let me say a few things about the media. First of all, I've had discussions with reporters down here about how poorly I think they reflect things that I say to them in interviews. They'll talk to you for an hour, then use one sentence and sometimes the sentence is not even a significant sentence that reflects your opinion. But never have I attempted to give us the power to dictate what they can print. The way I deal with that is to decide whether on a given issue I want to give an interview and let them butcher it. In discussing things with reporters I have discovered that often there are editors who will butcher what the reporters write. They will not only cut out material but they will rearrange it and sometimes it can be done in such a way as to cast the person being interviewed in a light which is very inaccurate based on what the interview was represented as being. Another thing that happens, and this is with print and electronic media. They get people who need a job. You have to remember, working for a newspaper is a job just like digging ditches, lugging beef, typing at typewriters and other things and newspapers are for-profit corporations. So if you get out of your mind the idea that we have people existing now like the pamphleteers were portrayed during the revolutionary period of the United States, you misperceive newspapers and reporters. They send people down to interview me many times from the television stations who don't understand the issue. Because they are ignorant of the issue they don't know which questions to ask. Because they don't understand the issue and don't know which questions to ask, they are unaware when a question has been answered and since they lack this knowledge of the subject, when they go back to their stations they say, how much time do we have? Well, 12 seconds, so they just run 12 seconds and that's it no matter what happens. So these people in the media