

SENATOR WARNER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I suppose tradition is a problem for me sometimes, but I'm inclined to believe that the appropriate way to just not only the judges but also the other constitutional officers with the exception of the Tax Commissioner, which is by statute, which is what we do. The Governor's salary is changed if somebody carries a bill by statute. I think the same ought to apply to judges. Now I was hesitant to push the button because I know there are some other things going on that I don't know a whole lot about that I probably don't like, or at least procedurally I don't like, but that has to be like it is. I prefer to stay with the process that I think was always intended that the constitutional officers salaries, judges and the other constitutional officers be treated in a separate bill, and authorized, and then not just adjusted in the appropriation bill, although I would agree that's a convenient way to do it. But I think the more desirable way is what traditionally has been done, and I may regret this when I see what happens further down, but that can help but that policy ought to be policy, and the policy I think is best for the judges salaries to be treated separately.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Warner. Before proceeding with the next speaker, I would like to call the Legislature's attention once more to underneath the north balcony. We have a very, another very special guest today, former Senator Lorraine Langford from Kearney. Lorraine, would you stand up and let us all say hello to you. Thank you for being here. Senator Chambers, on the Withem amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, we are in a turf battle. We are dealing with turf, and people can talk about every thing they want to and skate around, but, Senator Wehrbein, as the Chairperson of the Appropriations Committee, you are going to have to catch on better what's going on around here. Turf is what is at stake. That's what it is, and if nobody else will say it, that is my job. I ought to get paid more than the rest of you all because I have to do more of the garbage work. I have to tell the truth about what it is that is before us, so that we can bring it out in the open and put it on the table, and we can declare ourselves. This very attempt by the Appropriations Committee, they are the instrumentality, but there are others pulling the strings on the committee, the committee does not understand