

increase apparently. Now if that's the proper use of the system, so be it. I don't happen to think it is.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Chambers, on the Withem amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Wehrbein a question.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wehrbein, is it your position that employees, forgetting judges, ought to automatically be given increases every year regardless of how well they perform their job?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, aren't you holding them hostage if you say if you don't do a good job you are not going to get an increase?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: And I'd say it's on an individual situation, not as a whole, though.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now I want to ask you a question. Are you the one, if I understood correctly, who brought a bill that went to the Judiciary Committee to give the judges a salary increase? Did you bring that bill?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Was that bill advanced by the Judiciary Committee?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The bill you chose to prioritize was one dealing with dogs and horses for police, wasn't it?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That's right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So you felt that the dogs and the horses were