

trying to participate in bringing about a change. And as your feelings continue to get hurt, it will be like the calluses on my hands as I lift that iron. Pretty soon nature equips you to deal with the kind of life you are going to live. I lift iron, I get calluses. You all count money and lift delicate cups of tea with the little filigree designs on it and raise the finger, so your hands are soft as talcum powder. Nature tells on us. Nature tells...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...the kind of life we live by the way she equips us. Since my job in my Legislature is to be very direct, I have a very tough hide. It is leather. I can suffer the slings and arrows of an unkind fate or an unkind legislator or judges or lobbyists, but I will tell you what. In the lobby, they know they are not going to run any shell game past me. I support Senator Withem's amendment, and I'm going to continue to discuss these issues and be very direct and forthright. And I am going to see if somebody will give me some time because I think this is my third time having spoken. Unanimously, I get all the heads shaking yes.

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

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you. Senator Crosby, members of the Legislature, Senator Chambers, no, you can't have my time. I rise in support of the Withem amendment, but for reasons altogether different from Senator Withem's. There...I think the background of the process is absolutely necessary in order to understand where we are. LB 721 was heard in the Judiciary Committee, was advanced out of the committee in early February, I believe February 2nd. So it had a month and a half in which...in which the backers of that amendment could have gotten a priority status for it and chose not to or were unable to do so. That, so there was a bill out there that could have handled pay raises. The second aspect of that is that bill which I supported, I voted out of committee, I would continue to support, would have allowed for judicial salaries to be set by the Appropriations Committee. It would have changed the substantive language which Senator Withem referred to in his statements. That substantive language would have allowed for what is trying to be accomplished right now. It would have allowed for this type of an action to take place. My big