

the range. I think the people that were interested in that, at that time I gave to them what the midpoint ranges would be, what the minimums were and the maximum rate of pay. At that point they were going to be treated as a state employee with the benefits that accompanied that. That was already in the A bill. What this is is the amendment that basically reflects what I think we had for at least some chance of agreement as to what the starting salary should be and where we're going to put these people in the pay grade. With that, I'd urge the adoption of the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. For discussion on the Kristensen amendment, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Crosby, members of the Legislature, Senator Kristensen, we were discussing our inadequate hearing last night at "Cats" and I was wondering if my hearing was adequate today. Did you say this would be at the Maximus rate of pay?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Oh, I tell you, Senator Chambers, I'm going to get a new law partner now. You're fired. I'm going to take Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Any further discussion on the Kristensen amendment? Seeing none...Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Kristensen. just a couple questions.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: I think we talked about this before, but I'm just trying to refresh my memory. You put them on this grade of 23 and 20...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Twenty-two and 23.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Right and that salary range as I recall was...