

even though it has gotten this far in the process. I would like to ask Senator Withem a question, if I may.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Withem.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And, Senator Withem, this is not a question to precede an argument that I am going to have with you. What percentage increase does this represent for the judges, is it 3 or 4 1/2?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers, I can't give you that number off the top of my head. It is consistent with what was negotiated with the state employees. Three, three and a half, I don't remember what that number was. Senator Wehrbein would probably have that number off the top of his head.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Senator Wehrbein, do you have the precise percentage figure.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: When you asked me, I was just half listening. I think the answer is 4 and 3 1/2. Is that what you are asking?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, it is 4 and 3...oh, you mean 4 the first time around, and then 3 1/2?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Right, if that's your question. I...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, that's what the question was.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...you asked what we gave them in salary increases.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Uh-huh.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. You know what this ties into other things too. I was reading the other day where the Governor talked about making the university eat \$17 million, and he is talking about salary increases and things that ought not to occur. Well, the university system had negotiated I think a 4 percent increase in salary, and what they are going to be left with is enough funding for 3 percent. Now here we are with the