

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Will this bill that we're passing now give an increase to the tax commissioner or change the salary in any way?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: From the way it is right now?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Uh-huh.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: No. It just...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Go ahead.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: It does not. It just...not to exceed 81,000. I think that's where it's set right now to my knowledge so....

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Can I ask why the 81,000 dollar figure was adopted?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That's what he is receiving. After the raise, it's after the raise that is built into the year, you're talking about from ninety...if...the budget years, right, '96-97, the (inaudible).

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, and here's what I'm trying to understand. What you...what this bill will do is really set a ceiling on the tax commissioner's salary as of the date this bill takes effect?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, at this...yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And then how would...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Until it's adjusted again.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Then how would the salary be changed?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: By action of the Legislature...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ..probably in the next budget bill.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And that would mean when we get these bills