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continue out whatever years that I have here, whether it be this term or terms beyond, at the rate of compensation that I'm getting, if newcomers were afforded...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...three times what we're currently getting. I believe that much in making service to the people of the state of Nebraska not a sacrifice incumbent within it. I started here on \$400 a month, and I will tell you, my goal of service quite quickly dissolved into the realities of life when I calculated how much it cost to serve, and my wife and I did not have those resources. And maybe there are people here that would say the Legislature would be the better for it had I not been able to continue beyond one term. But it is absolute nonsense in this old Dutchman's mind to poor-mouth the Legislature for reasons that smack of...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...something to separate us from the rest of the people. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Stuhr on the resolution.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I have been listening intently to the discussion, and I do support both issues, and primarily the commission issue. I actually have a rough draft of a bill that I was going to enter this year, suggesting the commission concept, because I think that this is something that many of the states are going to. I believe in the handout that we received, 24 states are now looking at commissions in regards to salaries for their legislators. And I think that this is an important concept. I'm saying that I do support both issues in the fact that I believe that for the present, we could be looking at an increase in the salary, and also the commission concept. But it is going to take time to get the commission concept off of the ground. And this way, we could still have an increase and then also have the commission. So I do support both of the concepts. I think that I could also agree with most of the people that have been