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had supported in the past, and it made me begin to think about the equality of the three branches of government. And in the United States, we have stated in our Constitution that we have three equal branches of government. But with our compensation system in the state of Nebraska, what we have said is that our judges are extremely important, and that our executive branch is somewhat important, and that our legislative branch is not very important at all. And it made me begin to think along another line, that perhaps it is not an issue of money or whether it's enough for someone to serve in the Legislature and support their family and be able to come in and serve the people. It's not a matter of whether or not we can encourage people to run for unworthy reasons. Certainly, we don't want compensation that is so high that we are attracting people who are not here just because they have a love of serving people. But I think that we need to look at this from a philosophical standpoint of saying that we should have three equal branches of government in the state of Nebraska. And somehow, we have our compensation very much out of kilter. And I think that we need to bring this to the attention of the people in the state of Nebraska. I don't know which of the two constitutional amendments is the best approach. Perhaps that it would be wise to let the people choose, to put them both on the ballot and let the people choose. But I do think that this is something we need to talk about, that what is the worth of the legislative branch of the government? What is the worth of the executive branch of the government? Are they equal in the state of Nebraska with all three branches of government? And I think that's an important issue today. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Senator Jones on the resolution.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. President and members of the body, I'm going to stand up and talk about both of them just a little bit. But first, a little experience with former senators that have been here. I've talked to them, and they said, when the salary was down to \$400, well, they said they took about \$20,000 out of their own pocket in a four-year term. And I think...I think I could believe that, because it just...it don't quite add up. But we do not want to get the salary too high, because if we do that, well, then the people are down here for the money in place