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increases for the constitutional officers; Governor Nelson stuck it in his pocket and wouldn't even give us a chance to override it; Governor Johanns has vetoed. They all do it, and why? They're afraid, every one of them. It isn't an individual thing. They're afraid, because somebody is going to come back and say, you raised your own salary, and people are afraid that they're not going to get voted for because they're doing the right thing. If these salaries had another zero on them and they were \$850,000 and they were \$750,000 I'd probably (laugh) agree; I wouldn't vote for them either; probably wouldn't vote for the Legislature that gave them that amount of money. But the issue here is a matter of doing the right thing and having the courage to do the right thing, and I think that's generally what this body does and that's the reason I have such great pleasure in serving here. And I think this afternoon we have a chance to do the right thing. There's a good reason for every one of these constitutional officers...excuse me, Mr. President, maybe not you but others. (Laughter) I could march down the list and give you a good reason that every one of you shouldn't, for one reason or another, for policy reasons and for the way that you think their office has been conducted, for the decisions they've made. And you know what? They'd probably, if I'd go to them, they could give me 49 reasons why we shouldn't probably get a pay increase. On the bottom line, that's not what this is all about. This is about an issue of what are you going to pay people who have constitutionally elected offices in this state to do their job? Other states pay their executives hundreds of thousands...well, yeah, \$130,000. You know we have the lowest paid Governor in the country? Now what does that tell you? Well, tells you that we've never placed a priority in compensating that job. But it is an important job and it's one that, if we're going to maintain and try to attract and keep good people, you need to fairly compensate them. If we don't, are people going to stop running for Governor? Oh, no. We're always going to get people who are going to run for Governor. But the reality is, and the reality is the one that we face every day in the Legislature, it isn't just enough to get elected. The Appropriations Committee finds that out absolutely every budget year. The fun of being in the Legislature stops when you start having those hearings because you've got to make state government work and you have to spend money on things that people go, oh, why are you wasting your money. And if they