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coming into barbering wanted to raise the price for haircuts. And some of these old geezers were saying, well, no, I don't think you ought to raise it. And one of them finally got angry and he said, well, each man knows what he's worth. So if there are people here who feel that they're not worth anything, we're going to drag you along because of the institutional status of the Legislature. In this society, value of an item or a person or work is determined by how much money is given in exchange for what that person or that institution is doing. Maybe it shouldn't be that way, but that's the reality. If we, as members of the Legislature, do not feel that the amount that is paid to people for being here is inadequate, why should the public think otherwise? We're in the position to know. If we believe that the salary is inadequate but we're afraid to put the issue on the ballot, then we get what we deserve. So I'm going to vote for this proposition. There have been groups and individuals who have already spoken in favor of a salary increase while condemning the Legislature for specific things that are done. So I'm hoping that we can get a yes vote from everybody on the floor. But that shows that I'm just an eternal optimist. It also shows that despite the times that I may feel it necessary to castigate my colleagues, that I retain a level of confidence in their ability to look at an issue, evaluate it, and make the right decision. The red votes will get a salary increase, just like the red votes when I was trying to get our expenses paid while we're in session. The ones who voted red got the expenses and they accepted them. Everybody ought to participate in putting this on the ballot. If they cannot bring themselves to vote for it, they at least should not vote against it. Nobody has to do anything that I say. Nobody has to accept a recommendation. But I'm talking about a strategy now. If you don't feel you're worth anything, if you're fearful, don't hinder those who are trying to bring some degree of dignity and respect to the Legislature as an institution.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If you show that you are not voting, that should be enough for those who are going to vote yes or no on you being returned to the Legislature. But I can tell you that an issue such as that will not determine whether people vote for