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or against you anyway. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of advancement of LR 12CA, Senator Janssen, followed by six others.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature. Every one of us in this institution endures a hardship to serve in the Legislature. You look at the makeup of this body. We have retired people, we have farmers, merchants, some teachers, ex-teachers, ex-law enforcement officers. It's a pretty good mix of occupations that most of us come from. Will this solve the problem of a very narrow window of who can serve in this body, doubling the salary? It will help. It will help, but I'm not too sure that \$24,000 a year is going to make that big of a difference. You know, I feel very fortunate that I've been able to be here for the last 13 years, but it's a sacrifice that my employees and my family have also made along with myself. You know, I live only 60 miles away, and I'm able to stay in touch with my business and my family, even at 60 miles. But you look at Senator Erdman, Senator Smith, Senator Louden, Senator Pederson, Senator Baker, and there are more. It is pretty darn tough. They have to move, either move their families down here or get an apartment and not being able to commute every night like I do. Senator Langemeier is far enough away that it's very hard for him to go back and forth every night. You know, I was unopposed the last two times I ran for the Legislature, and one of the main reasons was that the salary was not enough for some very, very capable people to even think about running against me. And I believe that, by putting this on the ballot, which we have to do, is going to give everyone in this state a chance to express their concerns about their elected officials. Whether it will pass or not, that...you know, at least we give them the chance and the opportunity to express how they feel about their elected officials, in that form. I'm glad that the Exec Board put the amendment out. And remember that the decision is...will be in the hands of your constituents. So with that, I think everything else has been said. I'll give the rest of my time back to the Chair. Thank you.