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work done by those who hold these offices. We should not want people to be semi-volunteers. We don't have to like the person holding that office at all. There are many local employees who make far more money than what we're proposing to pay these constitutional officers. If the state was to be run by a business, we would start by giving a halfway decent salary. The senators are well aware of how unjust it is to provide only a \$12,000 a year salary for senators. These individuals receive their paltry salaries because the Legislature is so tightfisted. We are not talking about a host of people. We are talking about giving somebody a \$10,000 increase in salary, and some people with that MICA Board in Omaha, that mismanages the Qwest Civic Center, get more than that in bonuses. One of the employees makes, I believe, over \$100,000. At least the Governor position will have a salary of \$100,000. Coaches worth anything would not consider accepting a job at a college, university, to coach a football team for a mere \$100,000. In addition to the salary, they get shoe or athletic clothing contracts. They get bonuses if they win so many games, additional money if they win a championship in their conference, additional money if they win a national championship. Certainly these officials, as far as responsibility, have more to deal with than a football coach. However, being fair, people will go to pay to watch the operation that a football coach is in charge of, but people will not pay to come watch any of these officials do anything. Watch the Governor govern, watch the Lieutenant Governor lieutenant, watch the Attorney General general.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So we're not paying them on the basis of what they could command in terms of admission fees to watch them. We know that these offices should command a higher salary than they currently do, and I believe they should command a higher salary than what the committee is offering. And Senator Schimek made a very profound statement to try to remind us of something. There's going to be a period of time before we can raise salaries for these offices again. That should be taken into consideration. But in the meantime, the stopgap measure, I'm going to support the committee amendment. And I look around the Chamber, and I'm glad to see that we have such splendid