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attendance here. We have about six or seven, which is more than what we used to have, but I see a couple of new people, who don't realize that they don't have to be here right now. And I see Senator Burling, because he's got a bill. He's doing all he can to hang on. Hang in there, Senator Burling, hang in there. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Further discussion on the Government, Military, and Veterans Affairs Committee amendments to LB 683. Senator Foley, followed by Senator Schrock.

SENATOR FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I rise in support of the bill. Senator Schimek, I did have a question for you, if you wouldn't mind.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, would you yield to a question from Senator Foley?

SENATOR FOLEY: Senator, thank you for bringing the bill. I certainly agree with what you're attempting to do there, and as is so often the case, I tend to agree with Senator Chambers that, if anything, this amendment is a little bit on the low side, in terms the numbers we're talking about here. But something you said did pique my curiosity. And I walked into the room midsentence, so to speak, so maybe you already said this. But why is it that these salaries cannot be changed again for another four years? I presume it must be some kind of a constitutional bar to changing that in midstream?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, that is correct. The salaries cannot be changed during a person's term of office.

SENATOR FOLEY: So if the bill passes, the new salaries take effect in '07.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That's correct.

SENATOR FOLEY: And then, at the earliest, they could not raised again until 2011.