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SENATOR SCHIMEK: That is correct.

SENATOR FOLEY: Yeah, okay. Well, again, I support the bill, but I do think that maybe these numbers are a little bit on the low side. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Foley. Senator Schrock, followed by Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, I do support the salary increase. Senator Schimek, just a question or two. How did you determine that some offices get a \$10,000 raise? The Lieutenant Governor kind of sticks out at \$5,000. Probably if I was going to change something, I'd make the Governor a little higher. We have a lot of state agencies...agency directors that make more than that. But I'm very content with what you have here, but you might just expand on that a little bit.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Senator Schrock. I think the committee looked at the additional responsibilities that had been given to some of these offices over the past few years, and that was part of their consideration. And I think the State Auditor, for instance, has had a...has had significant increase in workload and responsibility, as has the Attorney General, with some of the new units that there have been. The State Treasurer's office, with the new child support system...I think we looked at those kind of things, and I'm certainly open to any suggestions that you might have, but I believe that was the basic thinking of the committee. They tried to judge workload, to some degree.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Were you finished, Senator Schrock? On with discussion. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I too want to thank Senator Schimek for bringing this amendment. Just to recap again. Looking at the regional average, we certainly are not out of line. In fact, I think the committee has been very conservative in the suggestive amounts