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would come into office. It is easy for me to vote for and push for and offer bills for increases in the salaries for those offices even though I have had battles with practically every person who has ever occupied one of those offices. That is to be expected. The governmental structure in this country and at the state level is designed to create a tension, a tension between and among the various branches of government. It is designed to make them keep an eye on each other, to watch each other and try to hold each other in check, to create such differences between them that it will be a rare day when all three of them would combine to do something that is hurtful to the public in a substantial way. At least one of them or somebody in one of those branches is going to say, hold up, and exercise that responsibility to provide the check and balance, or be what they refer to in other countries as the loyal opposition. So by our increasing these salaries, we are not impinging on the differences that exist between and among the branches. We are not going to say that as a Legislature, with the power to set these salaries, we are going to let those salaries be unnaturally, unreasonably low, to express dissatisfaction and displeasure with a particular individual who might be in that office. The way we exercise oversight when it comes to dealing with money matters is to do it through the budgeting process, and that is done by Congress. It is done where they have a parliamentary system, even where they have a dictatorship. You reward friends; you punish enemies. What my amendment will do, and if you bring it up on your gadget you will see the amounts, and they constitute the average salary for these positions in this region. Since we're going to have to confront a veto anyway, we should go ahead and put in a reasonable...put a reasonable salary in place. We will pass it, the Governor will veto it, we will override, and the system will have functioned in the way it always has. Whether that is the best way is irrelevant. Whether it is the desirable way is equally irrelevant. That has been the realism of this system when it comes to raising the salaries for these offices. I've given my rationale, but if you want me to go in more detail you can question me at length and in detail. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard