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the opening on the Chambers amendment, AM1461, to LB 683. Open for discussion on that motion. Senator Louden.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I am always a firm believer in paying people for what they're worth, and there's some of these folks that work quite hard, so I'm sure their salaries, salary schedules need to be increased more often than what we have. May I ask Senator Chambers some questions, if he would, please?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Senator Chambers, you said this is the average salaries for people in the area. Now, my understanding is none of these will go into effect until these people are reelected again or until new people are elected to the office.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right. It would take place when a new term of office occurs. It would not apply to anybody currently in office.

SENATOR LOUDEN: But if the same people were reelected, why, it would be when the new term of office starts, correct?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, that's correct.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Yeah. Now, have you calculated how much money a year this would increase? I mean, what kind of a sum are we talking about here for the whole...the whole bundle, I guess you might say?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Louden, I had, but because it states the amounts, anybody could write them down and make a quick calculation, and somebody may have done that already. In fact, Senator Schimek might be able to answer your question.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Okay. That was mostly what I was concerned. If it's a...if it's a huge amount of money or if...most of these are a few thousand dollars increase and that's on a yearly