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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, thank you, Mr. President and members. I don't want to prolong this discussion. On the other hand, I do want this bill to eventually pass and become law, and I do need your input into it. So that's why...I didn't necessarily want us to quit quite yet. I do want to point out a couple of things to you, and those in the handouts that I passed out. Now one of them is a news clip from Madison, Wisconsin, and it talks about the pay raise that lawmakers are going to be getting, going from the current \$45,569 to \$47,713. But the one I really wanted to point out to you was the governor's salary, which is being proposed--I should say it's a proposal--that it moves from its present \$131,768 to \$137,092. And the AG's office is very high in comparison to ours, too. It's presently \$127,868; they're talking about moving it to \$133,000. The other three that are listed there are very much more comparable, or in line with where we are, I would say, but especially for the Governor and Attorney General, they've got those pretty high. In Iowa, our next door neighbor, is...has a bill that would raise the governor's pay from \$107,000 a year to \$130,000 a year, so those are two comparable Midwestern states. I think they both have a larger population than we do. So I'm not sure that I think Senator Chambers' proposal is way out of line. I think what I will want to do when the time comes is, I think I will ask for a call of the house so we can get a read on how people are feeling about this, and take a vote. We are only on Select File, and so if there need to be adjustments, we can make them. But I kind of want to go ahead and proceed and take those votes. I think Senator Brown brought up some really good discussion points, and we did talk about this quite a while in committee, and wanted to do the right thing. We also wanted to do the thing that we thought the body would accept. So it's now rather up to the body. So with that, Mr. President, I don't know if Senator Brown wants any of her time back or not? No. I will conclude.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: (Inaudible.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: The question has been called. Do I see five