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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I know it's unusual to do what I'm doing, but this is a debatable motion. Senator Flood, could you tell me what the E & R amendments do on this bill?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Flood, would you respond?

SENATOR FLOOD: Senator Chambers, I appreciate the opportunity to further expound on the E & R amendments. If you give me just a moment, I'll be ready to answer some of your questions.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Certainly. Let me ask you this question. Do they substantially change the bill from what it was before these E & R amendments were offered?

SENATOR FLOOD: Senator Chambers, my committee and I spent a lot of time on these amendments. It would be impossible for me to outline every change for you on the whim of a moment, when I spent hours with my committee working tirelessly to make sure that the spelling and punctuation is correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And Senator, because I have so much respect for you and your committee, I want you and your committee to be given adequate credit for what they've done by taking seriously what you and your committee have put together and are presenting to us. So could you give me an idea of the most important change that will be made by these particular E & R amendments?

SENATOR FLOOD: Now remember, the committee that I participate on, Senator Chambers, there are more people than just myself. So I will do my best to describe for you the changes, but in AM7103, as you will note on your gadget, we are changing that from "On July 1, 2000," to "On July 1, 2005," to reflect the salaries of the justice and the judges of the Supreme Court to be \$122,854, and then on July 1, 2006, the salary of the chief and the judges of the Supreme Court goes to \$126,846. And that's a change from the original Section 1 of the bill, 24-201.01.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: As you pointed out correctly, Senator Flood,