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average salary, you look at the amount of money, \$900. That's less than \$100 a month. That amount of money is eaten up every year by increased taxation and by health insurance coverage costs. The average state worker generally sees possibly \$30 increase on their check for every raise they receive. I support Senator Synowiecki and I hope you will seriously consider this amendment. Thank you, Mr. President. And I return the balance of my time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Howard. Senator Beutler, followed by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, I didn't intend to speak again in support of Senator Bourne's level of pay. But I did ask somebody to pull the 2003 salary survey that the State Bar Association does of all of the lawyers in the state, to see how much lawyers are being paid this day. And there's always a terrific response to this survey. But it's unscientific, in the sense that it's not a controlled kind of survey. But I think the response is so large that it's largely indicative of what's happening out there. And in the year 2003, 17 percent of all attorneys were making over \$150,000; 17 percent of attorneys were making over \$150,000. And 18-plus percent, about 18 percent of attorneys were making between \$100,000 and \$150,000. So what I was indicating to you before is that I really have a strong belief that our judges ought to come out of the very top echelons of our bar. And as you can see, with 17 percent of the bar making over \$150,000, certainly far in excess of a fifth of attorneys are going to be making more than what we're purporting to pay the very highest levels of our judiciary, \$122,000, \$126,000. So I think we need to be doing this to keep the quality of the judgeships up, that is, to continue to attract people who are the better, if not the best lawyers in our system, because they are the people who run the system, and they are the people who ultimately determine if the people of the state get justice from their system. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, a