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\$24,000. Secondly, when you look at the rate of inflation and what the \$12,000 figure would buy in 1988, when we actually passed the amendment that's in effect now, today, in 2005, it would cost \$19,471.66 to buy those same goods. So I thought that \$18,000 might be a little low, especially when you have to look prospectively and think about all the years that are coming that we may not have another ballot issue on the ballot, and then we keep falling further and further behind. So those are a couple of the reasons. In addition, I wanted to share with you...and I will pass out a copy of this. I sent a survey out to the constituents in my district about three weeks ago, I think it was, and had quite a few questions on salaries on that survey. And the first question was, do you think that salaries should be increased? And by an 88 to 12 percent margin, they agreed that we should have an increase. And then when I asked them to look at what it should be, I gave them several choices: \$12,000 a year, in other words, keeping it the way it is; \$18,000 a year;...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...\$24,000 a year; and \$60,000 a year; and other. Believe it or not, we had 1 percent of the respondents said \$60,000 a year; 12 percent of them said \$12,000 a year; 19 percent said \$18,000 a year; and 59 percent said \$24,000 a year. Now, my respondents weren't scientifically gathered. I don't know who responded in terms of demographics. And your districts may be different. But that's a pretty overwhelming number, I think, at the \$24,000 figure. So I think all of these have good components to them, good things to recommend them to you. So be thinking about what's to come as we discuss this amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Further discussion. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body. I'm going to listen to the debate. But I probably at this point am most partial to this particular amendment. I knew the \$24,000 was not probably going to work very well, probably considered too big a jump, and so forth. But I do like the \$18,000 plus