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SENATOR STUHR: Yes.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...so that it's clear that it's a United States sponsored...

SENATOR STUHR: Right.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...index, and that?

SENATOR STUHR: Yes.

SENATOR BOURNE: And that has...I assume your thought is, because we have time, in the event that this is passed and adopted, there's more than enough time to pass that legislation?

SENATOR STUHR: That's correct.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. Thank you, Senator Stuhr. I think it makes sense to tie an index there. I don't know if \$18,000 is the right number, or if it should be \$24,000. I don't know. But I do think that that is one of the problems with how legislative salaries are modified and increased from time to time, is because we don't have the index in there now. So I think this makes some sense, and I intend to support it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Senator Friend, followed by Senator Beutler. Senator Friend.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, really quickly, I wanted to add a point as we go on in this discussion. And we'll have a little bit more discussion, based on the looks of it, with the amendments out there pending. I think that part of the discussion should revolve around the idea of what the people in this state and what we as representatives of those people believe this Legislature should be. And what I think Senator Stuhr...and I guess, you know, in a way, my amendment would encompass...would be...we're still saying that the citizens of this state want a citizen Legislature. They want what they could ostensibly call a part-time Legislature. But even that type of part-time