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SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you very much, Mr. President, members of the body. I'm going to support this amendment, because I remember the discussion on General File. Senator Landis stood and sensed that \$24,000 was just too much. We talked about \$24,000, actually, the first year I was in the Legislature. The Speaker of the Legislature that year was Doug Kristensen. He introduced a bill. And it went through the hearing, it came out on the floor, we took it through General File, and I believe Select File, but never actually put it on Final Reading or on the ballot. And I remember that it was \$24,000. And the cry from the public was that it was too much, and that's why we didn't go forward with it. It's very hard for people to accept a 100 percent increase on any salary. I'm not telling you that I think \$24,000 is too much. I know that the hours that people put in and the days that they spend, even outside of our session days, I don't believe the public is aware of the amount of time that people put in on public hearings and research and ribbon cuttings and speeches in their districts, and the phone calls that come in, the constituent work that we do. But at the same time, I think that if we're going to put it on the ballot, we want to be successful. And I believe that Senator Landis was very persuasive in his argument that he thought \$18,000 was a better number. The thing I like the most about the amendment is the fact that it has a growth factor. And I think it's very important that we don't put a set dollar figure in the constitution again without some mechanism for a growth factor, so that we don't have to face this over and over and over again, and wait until a measure is on the ballot four times before any change is granted. Fifteen years is way too long to wait, 11 years, 10 years, for people to look for any kind of cost of living increase. So I'm going to support the amendment, even though I'm going to introduce amendments following this. But I'm going to support the Stuhr amendment, and see if the body does. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Further discussion? Seeing no lights on, Senator Stuhr, you're recognized to close on AM1648.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I was hoping we might have a little more discussion on