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think pretty long and hard, however, about what we...what we do. It's going to be here probably for a number of years. But for those who are running for office, I think they should be paid a wage that at least they can live off of. I think they should be paid what they can live off of, and I don't know whether \$18,000 is that figure or not. I would like to see it \$24,000 or above, because then I think somebody can serve here and still be able to feed a family.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Brashear, Kruse amendment to Smith amendment.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Mr. President, members of the body, I...maybe I don't even have to do this. I felt like I needed to explain my vote on the Stuhr amendment. I'm not fully focused on this because I'm doing one or two other things, and I came out and I sort of saw this groundswell of support and this is sitting there 23 votes and we're having call-ins and so I thought, gee, I want to promote progress. And the one thing that I can contribute to this discussion, then I'll get out of it because I'm doing other things, but the one thing I can contribute is I keep hearing people say that doubling our salary and doing \$24,000, and I know that's contrary to what DiAnna...Senator Schimek's survey showed, but I keep having people tell me that we're going too far when we ask for the doubling from \$12,000 to \$24,000. So in a...I know this has never happened to any of the rest of you, but it was sitting there at 23 votes and I thought, oh gee, I want to be a positive force for good, so I did. Now I've explained my vote. Please go on with the debate and I'll look forward to whatever you work out. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Senator Louden, followed by Senator Smith.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. Much as I would probably go against Senator Smith's amendment, I really don't think there are any place for benefits