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myself feel like that...put a number out there and let the folks vote it, either vote it up or down. They're the one that set our wages. I think when it's only been renewed about...or, raised every 15 years, or however the number are, or closer to 20, whatever the number is, I'm not quite sure. But put our number out there, and it will probably be another 15 years or so before anything is done again. I don't think that this type of office that we're in should be tied to any kind of what some other county officers receive. I don't think we really need to have the COLAs mixed in there. I think put a hard number on there and vote it up or down. I have no problem with the \$24,000, because that number will probably be there for several years before anyone brings it up again to change it again. It's...it isn't something that was any concern when I came down here. It wasn't the question about whether or not I was going to make any money at it. We came down here to do a job that we thought needed to be done, and to represent the district that we were voted in from. So I really think that we need to be paid what we're probably worth. I think everyone is at least worth what we will ask. And I'm not a bit ashamed to ask for the \$24,000, and believe that that's probably a correct figure to start with. Because it will be several years before anything is changed on that line again, if we go according to the track record that's been done so far. I have no problem with going that route. And as Senator Erdman has said, the county officials and different officials certainly get a higher salary than what we do. In fact, usually, all of us, in our offices, we're probably the lowest-paid person in our office. So I have no problem with it. I certainly will vote for any kind of an amendment that comes across with the \$24,000. If Senator Schimek thinking of \$21,000, or you're thinking of these other figures, that's fine, too. But I really think it needs to be a nice, crisp, round figure. And rather than worry about increments at a time, I think, ask for what we think we're worth, let it go at that. The folks can vote it up or down. As I always used to say, years ago when fellows come through looking for jobs, they always said, I was looking for a job when I found this one. So I suppose we can always get by, however we do it. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Louden. On with