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succeeding legislators. I'm frustrated sometimes by the fact that it's reported so often that we are voting on a salary increase for ourselves. I would point out to you that many of us who are very enthusiastic about changing the salary for legislators aren't even going to be here in office. About half of us are leaving next...at the end of next year. And yet, we're concerned about the integrity of the Legislature, we're concerned about respect that people have for the Legislature. I think that a Legislature oftentimes doesn't have the respect of the public. It's one of the few things that they have a voice in, is voting on things like salaries of legislators. But why don't they care that much for what we do? I think there are two reasons why people are frustrated with legislators. One of them is, we vote to do something to restrict somebody's activity in some fashion, and they don't like that. And then also, we vote at some point to increase people's taxes. And so those two things seem to be...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: ...the key that people have as to why they don't care for legislators generally. They like their individual legislator because they know them. But generally, they say, why are they--kind of a generic thing--why are they doing this or that? And I think that we owe it to, not ourselves, because many of us, myself included, will not be here at the end of next year, but I think we owe it for responsibility to determine that we have respect for the office. And it's not what we need to live on. It's what is appropriate for the salary for legislators doing the business of the state. I once talked to a group, and I said, would you trust somebody to be in charge of a \$6.1 billion budget, and pay them \$5.75 an hour? I mean, that's just ludicrous. And it's what happens. Because I looked at my...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: ...paycheck, and that's what it was. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pederson. Senator