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twelve. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Aguilar. Senator Redfield, there are no further lights on. You're recognized to close or speak.

SENATOR REDFIELD: I will be closing. Thank you,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you.

SENATOR REDFIELD: ...Senator Cudaback. Members of the body, I'm going to take issue. Senator Engel said that the public really wants us to be citizen legislators and they want us to work in other places. And yet, we are continually criticized for conflicts of interest. And it is very, very difficult to function down here if you're not a grocer or an attorney or a farmer or a rancher, or you work for a telecommunications company, or for a charity, or some other entity in order to supplement your salary down here. And yet, you're continually criticized because you...they feel that your vote may be compromised because of what you do in the rest of your life. So I don't think that we have a real perfect fit here in the amendment. I will tell you that the amendment says that the salary could not exceed the annual salary. In other words, with this amendment, the salary could be \$1. It does not say in the amendment that it would be \$32,023. It said it would not exceed that. So it could be any number up to that. The whole point of the amendment is to say that we have elected officials in this state that serve the people, and they go home every night, and they sleep in their own bed, and they see their own families, and they see their neighbors, and they are able to go to work and carry on their other profession. The Legislature does not allow that. We spend six months here in the Capitol, and we spend 14-hour days serving the people of Nebraska. And I think that we need to recognize that. So I'm glad we've had the discussion. I thank you for participating. And with that, Senator Cudaback, I would like to withdraw the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The amendment is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, items for the record, please.