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Final Reading, and there was some objection to that. So the committee felt pretty strongly that this was a fair proposal and would ask your acceptance of the committee amendment. And, Senator Chambers, if you would like to use any of my time, you may.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you have about 6 minutes, if you care to use them.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Schimek did a thorough job, and the only column you really need to look at, if you want to see what the amounts will be, on the yellow sheet she gave you, is the one...the far right-hand column. And you'll see that these are indeed modest amounts. Although they're less than what I had offered in the original bill, I'm supporting what the committee did. I'm appreciative of the fact that they did advance the bill. And remember, we, to some extent, control the purse strings, as far as the initial amount. The Governor can do what he chooses, and it is a "he" at this time; then we respond to that. I'm hoping that with these modest amounts there is no veto, but if he does, as Governors have done, we should be prepared to override, because I have to take a large share of the blame for having engineered an increase in those salaries on Final Reading, but my partner in crime was--what's the feminine version of Clark; I'll say Claretta Kent--was Senator Elaine Stuhr. She did a lot of work, and we collaborated and arrived at an amount that we thought was fair, and obviously a majority of the legislators did, too, because the bill was passed. That is not going to happen this time. I will not attempt to change what the committee has done. So if you have any questions of me, I'm prepared to answer them. I can't think of anything else that I think is necessary to say or that would bring greater enlightenment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Schimek, are you finished? Senator is finished. You've heard the opening on the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee amendment to LB 817. Open for discussion. There are no lights on, Senator Schimek. You're recognized to close, if you care to.