

is, shall the amendment to the committee amendment be adopted? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The amendment to the committee amendment is adopted. Now we are back to the committee amendments?

CLERK: Yes, sir.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the Legislature, the easiest way to do this is to look in your bill book at the summary of purpose and changes that appear in the committee statement. This is an increase in the salary for our constitutional officers, the Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Auditor of Public Accounts, State Treasurer, Lieutenant Governor and the Public Service Commissioner. They contemplate changes from their current rates to new rates, beginning in 1987. The committee was not of a mind to make these large of increases at the beginning of the next term, rather we said that if we set these terms now, prior to the election of their upcoming terms, there could be changes within a term office so long as those changes were made part of a law that was enacted prior to the beginning of the term. So, we stair-stepped the increases and we increase in '87, '88, '89, '90 for all of the constitutional officers, except the Public Service Commission which we do '85, '87 and '88. The rates of change you will find in the bill book, but the flagship raise is the one in the case of the Governor from the current rate of \$40,000, at the beginning of the next term of the Governor, whomever that might be, the salary would be \$60,000. There would be incremental increases so that the last year of the upcoming term of the Governor the rate would be \$80,000 and stay there until there was a change on the floor of the Legislature. The Attorney General rises from \$39,500 now to \$52,000 at the beginning of the upcoming term, and \$65,500 at the end of that term, getting ready then for the 1991 term. For the Secretary of State it goes from \$32,000 to \$43,000 the beginning of the next term, and \$55,000 at the end of the next term. In the case of the Auditor of Public Accounts again much the same figures. You will be able to read them there. For the policy arguments I'll wait to have the explanation by Senator Warner. But