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replace those, who I think now are confident and I just don't see for a political reason, that is all it is, we should continue to hold down those who I think for the most part, we realize, are underpaid. Our own selves, subversive a thing, we can't do anything about that. We are tied in by what the people of this state, want to do, by whatever method of process they use, but in the area in which we can assume the responsibility and do what really they actually want to do. I have no desire to over ride the Governor or to over ride his judgements. I have a great feeling of confidence in the attorney general of this State. I've known him every since I've been in this legislature. While he is a republican, I can think of no case in which he has ever thrown curve to anyone in this body. He is above board, he is alert, he has tremendous responsibility and to the extent, he wants the law enforced, all the laws. Both local and state, they are not enforced, if he doesn't desire to do it, and I just think it is belittling to the position, not the man, the position. Let's go for example in the law clerks of the supreme court. Everyone of the law clerks to the supreme court, is paid \$20,000. Now obviously it would seem to me that the attorney general is entitled to a like amount and that is just what that bill says. We go in the secretary of state. I have never seen with the exception of the presiding officer, a man who is more capable in the area of administration of the secretary of state, than Mr. Burman is. I think he is worth the \$25,000 a year. Now I think many a time we can lose that amount by an error of judgement which might occur anyway. But certainly then we give them less reasons to have any excuses even when they do occur. I think this is a time for this body to stand up. If you really think the men ought to be paid this amount, vote for it. If you really, really honestly don't think they should, then I don't think you should vote to over ride the Governor.'

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Waldron, then Senator Snyder.

SENATOR WALDRON: Mr. President, members of the legislature, I rise in support of Senator Carpenters motion. I think it is time this legislature recognize that many of our State officers are under paid and if you look at the responsibility they have, you will realize the salary increases that we have given them are no more than commensurate with their duties. They could even be higher as a matter of fact and not be out of line. I think this is really just the least increase that we could possibly give these officers and I would hope members of this legislature would show some responsibility in bringing these officers up to the level of their responsibility.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Snyder, then Senator Frank Lewis, then Senator Luedtke.

SENATOR SNYDER: Mr. President, members of the body, I've been very quiet the last few months, on purpose. I think this is a issue that we've got to take a good look at and we've got to accept our responsibilities as elected officials, here. I think we are lying to the people to run and hide from this responsibility if we don't over ride. I think it is time that elected officials stood up and told it like it is. It is one thing to be politically expedient, and to take the easy way out and to take what you know is going to be the reaction of the public. It is easy to say 40% or 30% that is a very misleading way to interpret an argument under discussion like this. How many of you have sat here and wondered, how long you were going to stay down in this body, at some \$300.00 after taxes, if you want to pay that sacrifice just for the sake of being in an elected office, go right ahead. I announced last week I did not intend to seek re-election, I stand by that. Some people I said I made the decision too early. I didn't make it too early. I want it