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SENATOR KEYES: Well, Mr. President, it just boils down to one of two things. We are going to under under the Senator Whitney and Senator Marvel's amendment and I believe that this will possibly carry the approval of the Governor. I don't know what he will do with mine. Mine will cost about a million one hundred to three hundred dollars more than what Senator Whitney and Senator Marvel are trying to do. All I want to do is make it perfectly clear to every Senator in this floor that Senator Whitney and Senator Marvel are not going to give any where near a cost of living increase. What they are doing is counting what we already have in the wage scale, what we already have as a wage policy of this state. That is part of what they are trying to consider a wage increase this year. That is not a wage increase this year that is the thing that has kept the unemployment, the turn over in the state going from 44% down to 20% last year, is because they knew they were going to get this 5% increase. That does not take into consideration anything at all along the cost of living. The cost of living is about 8%. So what we are really doing is taking 1% of the money, 1% of the cost of living away from the man and also created his job increase his increment pay. So if you want to go on and fool the employees of this state. I want you to know that the AFL, the CIO, and I'm a member of that, is going to come and they have enough signers right now to sign up. And probably next year the state will setting down and negotiating with them, instead of the Legislature. If you really want to do what's right with the employees of this state, for the University professors who say they have to have more money, or they are going to leave. For our Judge, for the rest of these people over this state. If you really want to given them and and hold them and keep our good competent employees you will go along with the cost of living. I don't know of any contracts that are written that do not take into consideration the cost of living every year. I don't think it should be on a quarterly basis. I think it should be on a yearly basis, and if it goes up fine, if it goes down fine. But this is the one thing that we have that in a inflationary state like we are in today. It should be passed. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nore, what's the purpose of your light?

SENATOR NORE: Was he closing? Fine.

PRESIDENT: Same thing applies to you, Senator Goodrich, what's the purpose of your light?

SENATOR GOODRICH: I have a question for Senator Keyes, if he would yield.

PRESIDENT: A what?

SENATOR GOODRICH: I need to ask Senator Keyes a question, if he would yield.

PRESIDENT: All right, I will allow a question.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Senator Keyes, in your closing you did not state what the cost of your amendment was, and in looking at the amendment it just says that they shall receive no less than \$480, as I understand that increase. Can you tell us what this amendment will cost?