

state and for that reason I think that this is an infinitely logical, very honest sort of proposal for salary increase for state senators. Let me say that many other states have adopted this same sort of approach. In fact, very few states, if any, and I can't recall finding any that has this judiciary and that sort of stuff, sort of proposal in it. This is called, this is called playing straight with the voters and not playing hide and seek and guess and be gone or whatever it is. For that reason I offer this proposal as a very serious attempt, one that we might get 40 votes for on Final Reading to be able to put it on the primary ballot. I would hope that this amendment is taken seriously, that it is supported, that it is accepted and that this is the approach that we use to take to the voters to ask them for additional compensation for state legislators. I thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch, do you wish to be recognized on this amendment?

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, I'm not going to question the candor of Senator Newell again, but he says that many states have the same kind of commission. I want him to name one. If you review the information that has been given to us by Senator Reutzel the members of those commissions of the 29 states that presently have this type of constitutional provision, there are anywhere from 5 to 15 on that commission, he named only three individuals. No where on that hand out do I see any state compensation commission that has three individuals. I do, I'm sorry, Pennsylvania. Now, the others have from five to fifteen. Iowa, the state near us has fifteen members. I hope that they don't have any secretary of states and governors and things of that nature. So I suggest that Senator Newell is to some degree is trying to play some more games with this amendment. I find that rather distasteful and I would hope that we would defeat this amendment also. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Frank Lewis, do you wish to speak to the Newell amendment?

SENATOR LEWIS: Well, Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I think that would put us in an untenable position with the governor setting our salary. I like it reversed. I don't mind us setting his in terms of that, but I think for giving that authority to other constitutional officers, I think that you would create more of a problem than you want to. I think that there are two or three things on the salary issue for