

agree with Senator Haberman that that \$27,500 is too high. But, I do not agree with his computation. Senator Haberman forgot in his computation that this would be an increase of 10%, that the Public Service Commission has not received an increase since two years, that this bill will take effect not in 1980 but in 1981 and then in addition to that it would be locked in for another two years and nothing can be done then. Therefore we are talking about a total stretch of five years. For that reason I have an amendment on the desk which would increase from \$20,000 to \$25,000, or if you want to look at it in that way to decrease it by 2½ thousand dollars from the present amount. If you really want to compute a percentage increase over those five years that pretty much comes to a 7% and therefore stays within that range as we try at least to keep all the increases within 7%. Therefore I would urge you to vote against the Haberman amendment and then consider the following amendment which would give it, considering the five years which would give it a 7%. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: The committee that heard this bill, which I happen to be chairman of, left it at \$27,500 but it was the feeling of the committee mostly that that was a little high but we advanced the bill out and we discussed on the floor of the legislature. My good friend Senator Haberman understands that it is not just a seven or ten percent raise for one year, but this one here will be in effect for two years from now and then it will be four years before they can get another one which will make it eight years since they have had a raise. I think what Senator George has got is very excellent and I would recommend that everyone pay that one, vote for that one.

SENATOR CLARK: The issue before the House is Senator Haberman's amendment. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I'm closing on my amendment?

SENATOR CLARK: No.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Then I get to speak to George's amendment then.

SENATOR CLARK: No.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Why not?

SENATOR CLARK: He does not have an amendment. The only thing