

before the House is your amendment.

SENATOR HABERMAN: All right then I'm going to close on my amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Not yet, I have other lights on.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Then I wish to talk then. What we have done here fellow senators is the committee started out and gave them a 35% increase. Now, they come down and say, well that is really too much. Lets give them a 20% increase. What did we do to the state employees? We cut them down to a 8% increase or less, thank you, but here we want to give a 20% increase. Out where I come from I'll probably get burned for even giving them a 10% increase. I don't know of anybody else that is getting that kind of an increase. If they don't want the job, they don't have to run for it. \$22,000 is enough, so I speak against raising the salaries 20%. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: There is an amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator George moves to amend the Haberman amendment to \$25,000.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator George.

SENATOR GEORGE: Mr. President, as I just explained, and briefly for those that were involved in other discussions I am amending the Haberman amendment from \$22,000 to \$25,000. That is certainly a cut of two and a half thousand dollars. The Public Service Commission, Senator Newell asked that before has not received an increase in the last two years. This bill will take effect if not in 1980 but in 1981 and then they are locked in for another two years. So you are talking about a five year span. If you raise it from \$20,000 to \$25,000 it will stay within the 7% increase. Therefore a reasonable increase in their salaries which still would put them below the national average, but a reasonable increase within our 7% guideline will be \$25,000 and therefore I urge you to approve my amendment to the Haberman amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kremer, did you want to talk on the George amendment? Senator Venditte, did you want to talk on the George amendment?

SENATOR VENDITTE: Is it premature Mr. Chairman to call the question? Then I do call the question.

SENATOR CLARK: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. The question before the House is to