

April 5, 1982

LB 488A

CLERK: Mr. President, there are E & R for LB 488. (sic.)

SENATOR KILGARIN: I move we adopt the E & R amendments to LB 488A.

SENATOR LAMB: Those in support signify by saying aye, those opposed no. The E & R amendments are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, I now have an amendment from Senator Goodrich to the bill.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Goodrich.

CLERK: Senator, your amendment is on page 1444 of the Journal.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the body, you will recall when we advanced this bill off of General File the bill was advanced with the understanding that I was going to adopt an amendment on it which would take the fiscal impact of the bill down and that is what this amendment does. It converts the bill from a straight 5% increase in salaries for the constitutional officers to a 5% per year provision and consequently over a four year period literally we are giving the constitutional officers their raise at the 5% per year as that is what this bill does. It provides the funding for it. The funding here is \$9,363 of which \$3,570 is for the Public Service Commissioners and the rest of it is constitutional officers so it is about \$6,000 for the constitutional officers and \$3,500 for the Public Service Commissioners. The purpose of this amendment is to reduce the fiscal impact on the A bill down to \$9,300. You will recall when I estimated it on the floor I figured it would be close to \$15,000 but it doesn't go that high. It is only \$9,363. I move the adoption of this amendment.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members of the body, I'm sorry, Senator Goodrich. I was out just a minute. Is that 5% for each year for the coming four years still in the bill?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes...well it isn't in the bill yet. We have to bring the regular, the 488 itself back to put that in it but this is in anticipation of that move to do that.

SENATOR KAHLE: Okay. Have you given any thought to giving them a flat raise and not an increase of 5% for the next four years?