

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, a question has been raised if we swear the new senators in early, are we going to be paying new senators salary and old senators salary? I mean, I don't understand that part of it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Do you want to direct your question to somebody?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, I think it is a good question. Who would I ask? Oh, Senator Wesely.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely, would you respond, please?

SENATOR HABERMAN: He won his battle. He left, I think. Would we...Senator Wesely, if we swear these new people in early, are we going to be paying double salaries?

SENATOR WESELY: Ha, ha, ha. Well, let's see now, how we handle it right now, I suppose it would be the same. We meet, what, the second week of January, and this would be the second week of December, so whatever we do now we would do then. It would just be...

SENATOR HABERMAN: In other words, these new people that are elected would come down here for those five days, they would receive no salary and no per diem.

SENATOR WESELY: All that would happen is whatever we do now because we don't meet the first of January now, so however we are paying now. I really don't know, frankly.

SENATOR HABERMAN: So then how are the new senators...I am talking about salaries.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, I know.

SENATOR HABERMAN: How are we going to pay these new senators?

SENATOR WESELY: Oh, we would have to pay the new senators. Whether we pay the old ones or not, I don't know.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, don't you think before we pass this we should find out?