

stated. I think the salaries proposed by the committee amendments are appropriate for those offices. I also happen to believe that the argument that it means that salaries should be adequate to attract qualified people, which is sometimes used, is not the argument that I would use. But what I would say is the salary ought to be at a level where people who desire to serve and are not otherwise...have other sources of income ought to be able to do so. I get a little concerned from time to time when we expect elected officials, and each of you in here at this body know that there are a lot of expenses that are a part of being in public office that are not reimbursable. Usually what they have to do is go out and get...they have different kinds of clubs or something that helps pay some of those expenses. I much prefer that the salary is adequate, that there is very limited need for some of those kinds of funds that are sometimes used today. While I can understand well we don't apply that to the Legislature, we don't apply it to somebody else, the point, as far as I'm concerned, is we can take care of those kinds of issues with constitutional officers. You cannot do it with the Legislature if you are dealing with the Constitution. It is a separate issue. But I would hope that the body would discuss the appropriate level of salaries, recognizing that if it is not done this session, or for that matter next session, then it will not again be constitutionally possible to address that issue until 1991. I'm not sure I'll be here to introduce the bill in 1991, but somebody will. But anyway I think it is a reasonable level of salary. I would hope that the body would adopt the committee amendments and advance the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign, and do sign LB 371, LB 101, LB 101A, LB 113, LB 323 and LB 323A. Senator Beutler, did you wish to speak on the amendment? Senator Vard Johnson, on the amendments.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: No, I won't speak on it. I'll put my light off.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Rod Johnson. Senator Haberman? No. Okay, the question is...oh, Senator Higgins, your light came on.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. As I understand it the committee amendment would increase the salaries by