

everybody's benefit to have the issue resolved on General File and then when the appropriate rules are devised for handling all these A bills, then this would be advanced in the same basis that other legislation with similar impacts have and you can make your decision on Final Reading.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, I would strongly object to bracketing this bill and Senator Warner has to be commended for having the courage to bring the bill forward and we know it is not a popular issue and any of us that support it are not going to be able to find the public outstandingly supportive of this. But, nevertheless, we all know in our hearts what the right thing to do is and that is to pay adequate salaries to people and if we're going to debate what is adequate salaries for these individuals that debate should occur now at this moment and not be delayed for another session. For those of you who were here back in '79 and '80 and '81 and '82 when we debated all this the last time, you will know what I am talking about because in the long session we've got lots of other issues and we don't have to act on this, but let me tell you as difficult as it is to deal with now, it will be absolutely terrible next year. There will be a gubernatorial race that will be...you know, who knows who is going to run, how hot it is going to be and everything. I can tell you this, it always is a tough, tough race that gets a lot of attention so we're all going to be involved in the sense in that, in an indirect way. We'll have our own members of this Legislature, half of the seats are up plus we have a lot of these other offices that are up for election and to deal with the question of salaries for elected and public officials during an election year is about as difficult a task as you can have. This is the wrong thing to do to delay. To act now is the only sensible thing to do. To deal with it now in a more rational, reasonable fashion makes far more sense than trying to deal with it next year when the irrationality of a political season comes upon us. I strongly object to Senator Haberman's proposal to delay. I ask you to reject that. If you have problems with the bill, let's deal with them now, but don't make those problems wait another year because it will only get worse, it won't get better.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp.