

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Senator Wesely, I had a couple of questions that I would like a response to please.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Senator Wesely, I think that you were probably a member of the Governor's Pay Benefits Committee.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Along with others, and for purposes of the record and so forth, would you describe some of the other membership of that committee?

SENATOR WESELY: There were some employee groups, the NSEA, NAPE, maybe some others involved. Several department heads were involved in the key departments like Personnel, and DAS, and that is about it. There is about 15, 20 people on it.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Fifteen or twenty on it?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: And I think you indicated part of the recommendations of that committee. Could you give us in summary what the total recommendations of that committee was?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, it was that if you get a 5 percent salary increase, go with the comp med plan. If you can't get a 5 percent increase, then go with the cost containment plan.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: The cost containment plan that...

SENATOR WESELY: ...the committee has adopted.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: ...is represented in our budget...

SENATOR WESELY: That is right.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: ...at the current time.