

SENATOR HIGGINS: ...and as long as we keep lying to the people. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Landis. Excuse me, ladies and gentlemen in the balcony, we do not approve of applause or any type of demonstration while we are in session. Thank you, though. We have some amendments I understand, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Morehead, you had two sets of amendments. You want to withdraw.

SPEAKER NICHOL: They are withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp, you had amendments as well, Senator. I understand you wish to withdraw yours?

SPEAKER NICHOL: They are withdrawn.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, then Senator Landis, we are back to you on the bill.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this bill came out of my committee with the amendments that in essence I drafted, I guess, although Senator Withem also had some good suggestions on...along these lines. I have a feeling of responsibility for the work. I am...I do not accept the characterization that this Legislature lies to the people of the state, and I think that does disservice to the body. With respect to the figures that are in there, certainly arguably they are in question as to whether or not they are appropriate, whether they are in line with the times. I would like to make these arguments on their behalf. First, that I think they represent better what our neighbors do and what we have seen as the standard kind of approach for states in our area. This 1987 governor's salary will be the equivalent or less than the 1984 governor's salary in Colorado, Iowa, North Dakota and Wyoming. It may well be the case that since 1984 there has been an increase in South Dakota, which was at \$51,000, \$11,000 higher than Nebraska I might add, and Missouri which is \$55,000 in 1984, \$15,000 higher than Nebraska. Every one of our bordering states has chosen a higher salary for the