

salary for the other constitutional officers would be at 43,000, both of which would be less than just what the adjustment would have been had the normal adjustments in the past been applied to those positions. It seems reasonable to me that...and the maximum salary under this proposed amendment would have the Governor at 74,000, drops the last year; the Public Service Commission would be at 40; the Attorney General would be at 61,000 plus, and the other constitutional officers would be at about 51,000 plus. It seems to me that for the long term we are talking about, that is a reasonable solution to the appropriate salary and I hope you would reject this amendment and adopt the one that is following.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, I will save the other information I have for Senator Warner's amendment, but to answer some of Senator Landis's remarks, he made the remark that the mortgage payment must be paid even though the Governor is living down here. I would like to call to the attention of the body that living down here would be called a home away from home and that the payments would all be deductible. And Senator Barrett, as he used him as an example, is living down here now and has his home away from home. The county attorney's salary is set by the county board, not by the Legislature. So that doesn't enter into how we feel about it because that is an entirely separate issue. Senator Landis says it is just a good policy and that other states, they are paying more money. Well, quite possibly in the other states the salary was raised before the economical times that we now have. I doubt very much if they are being raised this year. Possibly they were raised when times were much better. And then he raised the question that 140 university teachers, are they...do they have a higher or a greater task than the Governor? And I say, yes, they are teachers. I will say they put in more time than the Governor does, teaching. Teaching is a great profession. You have to go to college for years and years and years to be a teacher and it costs you lots of money to become a college professor. All it takes to become governor is a big campaign war chest and enough votes. You don't have to take and get a college degree and go through school and pay your way. So with that, Mr. President, I will ask that you reject Senator Hefner's amendment and also Senator Warner's when it is