

third amendment then that I have filed would give a 5 percent increase all across the board to all the different categories and the 5 percent increase then would take the Governor to 48,620. Now, it is my personal feeling that the 5 percent is too small and not enough. That is my personal opinion. But I certainly cannot go along with the way that it stands now. If you are not comfortable with Senator Hefner's, if you are not comfortable with Senator Warner's amendment, then I want to tell you that there are three other amendments filed for your consideration. And, again, the people in my district, 43 percent of them said, yes, they could go along with some sort of an increase but not total. I would like to tell you that about 23 percent said no increase at all and 23 percent said full boat like we had presented to you. So, by far, the majority were sympathetic with some but not the total increase. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I, too, can support an increase but I cannot support the full amount that we originally had and I guess that I am prepared to join the auction, a couple of Pat's amendments, and I will say that I have an amendment up there and Senator Remmers, which would give the Governor 68,000 and 37,500 for the commissioners; 62,500 for the Attorney General, and I don't know if I am comfortable on that or not. I could see 65 on that, and 50,000 for the rest of the constitutional officers. I, too, got a lot of mail in that it can't be supported but, honestly, people don't realize the responsibility of our officers and I sometimes think that we do encourage people with maybe a little better ability to run when they compare their regular salaries. And I support an increase but I can't support an increase that large. And I wanted the body to know what we have proposed. I did my homework a little bit and I am not picking on education in the least. But within 25 miles of Grand Island, I found that we have eight school administrators making more than our Governor. So I honestly think that we do have to make an adjustment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Remmers.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I, too, feel that we need to increase the salaries of our constitutional officers. My biggest