

objection has been to the increase in the Governor's salary. We do have to...I guess we are in an auction here and we will have to find something we can all agree on to get anything done. But I could have supported the original proposal of Senator Warner's if the Governor's had not been as large as what is in that proposal. I see...I don't find much fault with the maximum in Senator Warner's first proposal except for the Governor's. But I do think we have to make an adjustment there. I think we have to be realistic. I had some of the same figures that Senator Nelson spoke of, the school superintendents. I am an ex-school superintendent myself and I know in my area there are a number of school superintendents that are getting quite a bit more than our Governor. I don't think we can attract a good attorney general if we don't raise that salary because that is not a very big income for a lawyer in the city. So I support some increase. Senator Nelson and I sat here and we tried to come up with some figures that we thought we could sell. So we are in the auction. We will try to get ours out so that you can see them. But I think that Senator Hefner's proposals are not high enough. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Anyone else to speak on the amendment before the house by Senator Hefner? You may close, Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I think we have had a good debate here on this amendment. This amendment would take effect January 1, 1987. It would raise the Governor's salary from 40,000 to 50,000 a year and this is a 25 percent increase. It would raise the other constitutional officers 20 percent a year. Senator Landis mentioned about financing a home, if one of the candidates that have filed would win and was financing a home, 40,000 would create quite a burden for them. But my amendment goes up to 50,000 and I think they could go ahead and make payments on their home where they are from if they owe money on it. He also said that with running a one billion dollar corporation, 40,000 is not enough. I agree and so I raised it to 50,000. But I don't think that these candidates are running for the money of it. I think there is more to it than that. For one thing, there is a lot of prestige in being Governor, being the number one man in the State of Nebraska, and so I don't think that these candidates have filed just for the salary. Also, some of these candidates, when I have talked to them anyway, have said, and some of