

a point of personal privilege.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, I have here on my desk, it's been circulated, an amendment to Lamb's amendment to LB 43. Now the problem is I don't have an amendment to LB 43 and I think they mean Senator Hefner instead of Lamb on this amendment. The problem is that Senator Hefner is threatening to sue these people that put this amendment up here because they got us mixed up. So I hope they straighten that out.

PRESIDENT: I hope so too, Senator. Next, what are we on now? Senator Rupp, the Chair recognizes you for your amendment.

SENATOR RUPP: Mr. President and colleagues, I won't take a long time on this. We have kind of reached the auction stage of this bill as we often do with bills that contain numbers.

PRESIDENT: Excuse me, the call of the house is raised, I guess.

SENATOR RUPP: I think my amendment is on page 653 of the Journal, but that is rather hard to track with all of the...I looked at the committee amendments and the amendments to the committee amendments and considerable E & R amendments on LB 43, so just let me try to read briefly what this amendment would do. I am just trying to be a little more precise with these pay raises. I think we shouldn't just lump the constitutional officers together and throw them all a raise without looking at the levels of responsibility and at least talk just for a few minutes about the levels of responsibility in these jobs because they are dramatically different. In essence, what my bill does, it leaves the Governor's pay raise intact as is in the bill. I have no problem with that and I think we all realize that the Governor once in a while has to make a very lonely decision on a very momentous issue and I won't argue with that. It leaves the Attorney General's pay raise intact. I have no problem with that. The Attorney General has an immense amount of responsibility and has to make distasteful decisions once in a while, like enforcing Initiative 300. The State Auditor I leave intact. I don't have a good rationale for that, quite frankly, because I don't know and probably a lot of you don't know what the