

that that is a reasonable compromise of the salaries that were passed out. Again, the Governor in 1988 would be less than what it would have been today had the adjustments been made since '79 the same as other salaries. It would be less for the constitutional officers than what would have otherwise been the case. It seems to me this is a reasonable compromise and maintains no change in the coming year of which a number have expressed concern. It would not take effect until 1988. So I would move its adoption.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nelson, do you wish to speak on the Warner amendment? Senator Nelson, do you wish to speak on the Warner amendment? Very well. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, what I am going to say not only are words to Senator Warner's amendment but are words to the entire issue. For example, I have a letter here from Lincoln, Nebraska. "I would like to voice my opinion to you in the Nebraska Legislature with regards to the LB 433 (sic) pay raise for the Governor and state constitutional officer. I think this bill really stinks." And then it goes on and explains why she feels this way and she is at the University of Nebraska. I have another letter here from Lake McConaughy. "The old argument that higher salaries are needed to attract more Nebraskans to consider running for office is not valid." Opposed. Here is a letter in last night's paper, "Noted you voted first round approval. Actually, Rex, while I usually agree with you, I have to tell you this time that same vote to vote raises for anyone is unconscionable." Opposed. Here is a letter from Ogallala. "I am writing to tell you that I feel it is inexcusable to even be thinking of giving raises to our elected officials." Now here is a letter that really strikes home. I hope Senator Johnson is here. It says, "Shame on you for voting yes on first round consideration. What a hell of a time to be giving elected officials a hundred percent pay increase. This is not like you." Well, I will tell you when my constituents write me a letter like this, I listen because very seldom do I get letters like this. Here is another letter from a lady from Creighton, Nebraska, a Nebraska voter. She is saying, "Any salary increases are out of the question." And I believe Senator Hefner represents Creighton, Nebraska. Here is another letter. So it goes on and on and on. If you want to listen to the citizens of the State of Nebraska, they are saying, no. Four years from now if the economy improves and