

Legislature, I know there is a lot of opposition out in the country to any kind of increase but there are a lot of people out there that are getting raises. We talk about those people back there that object to raises but yet their local school boards have seen fit to increase their school administrators' salaries and the teachers' salaries and I am not, as an ex-school man, I don't object to that, but evidently in some areas they are willing to see increases in salaries. We shouldn't forget that the last adjustment was made in '79 and there won't be another one made until '91. That is a long time without any increase in pay. So we (gavel), I think it is...we must consider an increase. I have no problem with Senator Warner's amendment except for the top. If he could separate that part and take the Governor's salary separate, I would support the rest of them. But as it is, I will have to oppose it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to oppose this amendment. I feel that this is still too much of an increase. I realize that it is down from what the bill is now. But in our rural areas we have many farmers and small businesses facing foreclosure and so it is real hard to go back home and tell them, well, vote for a terrific increase for our constitutional officers when you are going broke. I probably shouldn't even be supporting a modest increase but I think that we need to do that. The last increases that they had, as I understand it, was in the late seventies, I believe it was '79, and so I think we ought to increase it a little bit. I think we ought to support a modest increase. But I just feel that I cannot vote for the Governor's salary to be increased to \$74,000 by January 1st of 1990. He is getting 40,000 now. And like I said before, some of the candidates have told me and they have told it publicly that they support no increase at this time. The Attorney General would go from 39,500 to 61,166 and on down the line. I just feel it is too much of an increase at this time and so I am going to oppose the amendment.

PRESIDENT: That is all the speakers that I have on this amendment. Senator Warner, do you wish to close on the Warner-Landis amendment? Senator Warner, do you wish to close? Senator Warner, Senator...whichever.