

PRESIDENT: Senator Morehead.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Mr. President and members of the body, I am going to again be very brief. I've handed out to you the one amendment that I present to you as an alternative. I know that Senator Nelson and Senator Remmers have another alternative. I put this in a succinct form for you. It shows that the Governor and the Attorney General's increase in salary would be a 10 percent per year, going on the Governor's from 40,000 to 58,500; Attorney General from 39,500 to 57,800, and 5 percent increases per year then for constitutional officers and public service people. Now you have this amendment, and I'm not going to run either of the other two. I will withdraw those. And you have Senator Remmers and Senator Nelson's amendment to follow. I would ask that you make an attempt to adopt one or the other of these because I do believe that the leaders of our government are entitled to some increase in the salaries which they now draw for the responsibilities that they have, and I would ask for its adoption.

PRESIDENT: Senator Landis. Motion is the Morehead amendment. Priority motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp would move to return LB 43 to committee.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, the only reason I offer the motion is I think it is time to bring this issue to a head. I believe we have underpaid public officials. I've been supporting Senator Warner and having the courage to try to do something about it. It is getting rather clear that there is amendment after amendment to use different amounts, different numbers. We aren't about to do anything on it. I guess if we aren't going to do anything there is no use spending another couple of days on it. It is not the single most important issue in the state. I guess we have candidates for all of those offices. I do think it woefully improper that we don't pay decent salaries for the quality of work that we demand, but it is also woefully apparent that we aren't about to, and the only way to bring it to a head immediately is simply to refer the bill back to committee. If that committee, through some miracle, would