

the bill. (Hefner amendment appears on pages 1326-29 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Hefner, are you available? Senator Hefner, you have an amendment on LB 43.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, what did we do with the other amendments?

PRESIDENT: Well, Senator DeCamp has amendments. Senator Morehead has amendments and they are not here, they are excused.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay.

PRESIDENT: So we passed over those and we're just waiting to hear from you.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, we'll go ahead and take up this amendment. This would...the proposed amendment that I'm offering would adopt a 20 percent increase for all constitutional officers' salaries which would phase in the 20 percent over the next four-year period. So that would mean a 5 percent increase per year. Example, the Governor receives \$40,000 now. Next year that would go to \$42,000, January 1, 1987, it would go to \$42,000; January 1, 1988, it would go to \$44,000 and then up to \$46,000 and stop at \$48,000 on January 1, 1990. The Attorney General who receives \$39,500 now would end up with \$47,400 next January, or January 1, 1990. Secretary of State would go from \$32,000 to \$38,400 on January 1, 1990. The Auditor and the State Treasurer and the Lieutenant Governor would do the same. I feel the way the bill is now, the amendments that we have adopted, is too great an increase during these stressful economic times. I feel that this is more reasonable and I would urge you to support this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Is there discussion on the Hefner amendment? Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, there is a number of ideas, I guess, floating around and I guess I'd suggest that we reject the amendment at this time and, if there is some concurrence on some other numbers, why I think we ought to wait for those amendments. I have a problem with...it's just personal, that I think it