

that is true of other employees, that is to any given four-year period. Certainly, with the change in legislators, they may lose their position. They will lose positions because of change in chairmanships and there is no security as might be the case in other state employees, at least in a number of instances. It also is argued that there's probably a wide range of responsibilities that different employees do for legislators and that even with this increase they would still be consistent with what they ought to have. I can tell you...I see there is a handout that shows the comparison grades that were made in 1983. We are...will be in the process, during the interim, of redoing the salary classification system for all employees. It's a somewhat involved process which will not be completed before the...cannot be completed in time for implementation yet this fiscal year but will be brought back in January to see what the appropriate status is of legislative employees compared to other classification of employees under the state personnel system and looking for compatibility for that plus the possibility that some allowance ought to be appropriately allowed because of lack of security to those positions. But that's the nature of the amendment that was adopted by split vote. I did not happen to be one who voted for it but there were five members who did and I'm sure many of them will express to you their reasons for this but I've tried to outline the issue as I understood the discussion within the Executive Board.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Warner. Before we proceed with debate on this amendment, I would like to direct the senators' attention to the area under the south balcony. I would like to introduce to you a special guest of the Legislature today, the sage of Dannebrog, the founder of the National Liars Hall of Fame and a star of the CBS TV Morning Show, the one and only Roger Welsh. Welcome to the Legislative Chamber. I now recognize Senator Moore, followed by Senator Chambers. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, Madam President and members, this is one amendment I have difficulty in rising to oppose because there is no one on this floor that has served as a paid staff person of this body longer than myself and so it certainly strikes home and I agree with the majority of the Executive Board that I would certainly like to do what I can for the staff of senators. You have to take into consideration how that looks in comparison to the rest of state government and the big picture. Now I passed out to you, for your review, comparison of