

1 \$1,750 per diem cost, has an aggregate cost to the people
2 of Maryland to provide those salaries and per diem expenses
3 of \$767,750.

4 That is the present payroll for members of the
5 House and Senate under the existing 43-Senator, 142-member
6 House. If the amendment now before you were adopted, the
7 40-80 amendment, and presumably with an \$8,000 salary,
8 and no per diem going to the regular session, this would
9 cost \$960,000, a very slight increase in actuality between
10 the \$768,000 now paid and the \$960,000, just a little less
11 than \$200,000.

12 More interesting, I think, is the fact that
13 if there be an \$8,000 per annum salary for 35 Senators
14 and 105 Delegates, which is the majority committee recommenda-
15 tion, that cost would be only \$1,120,000 per year, not
16 even -- well, roughly \$350,000 over and above the present
17 payroll and per diem costs, so that in actuality the
18 reduction, either at 40-80 or 35-105 at \$8,000 salary does
19 not have a significant impact on the increase of salaries
20 for the members of the General Assembly.

21 I felt the committee should have these figures