

1 statement of the explicit dollars that members of the legis-
2 lature are to be paid. As you know, the present Constitu-
3 tion calls for the payment of \$2,400 per year. If you
4 examine earlier versions of the Constitution, you will find
5 that some times the figure was set at \$5.00 per day, and
6 various formulas were used. But it has long since been
7 recognized that it is unrealistic and poor Constitutional
8 practice to place the salary in a Constitution, because
9 the dollar value, the purchasing power of the dollar in
10 1967 is far different from what it is in 1867, and since
11 one finds it extremely difficult to amend the Constitution
12 to take care of inflation and rises and falls in the market,
13 and also to take care of the increase in duties and the
14 correspondingly greater salary which would be paid, the
15 idea and the practice of putting the dollar amount in the
16 Constitution simply had to be set aside.

17 I think a good example of this practice and
18 its lack of wisdom is the Governor's salary, which was
19 set at \$4,500 under the Constitution of 1867, and that
20 figure persisted until 1950.

21 Now, the result of putting the dollar figure