It never ceases to amaze me at the sheer ludicrous ideas that you people come up with. First, in comparing to our surrounding states, you leave out the one that more closely matches us and has been our constant companion in the cellar of just about everything, Mississippi. Secondly, these "public servants" do not do this for the money, but for the "honor" of being able to serve the public. The only people that can actually be a legislator are retired people, owners of their own business or farms and lawyers. There are a few other exceptions, but the point is that your regular worker's boss is not going to let them off for 60 days to vote on the state's business. This is a part-time job. The salary needs to reflect that. If you need to suggest raises, then why not try your state employees, that's the backbone of our Arkansas government.