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SENATOR MURPHY: I think that once again that were in an issue, and I recall quite definitely asking last year, and possibly the year before that the Executive Board lay down some rules and some brackets so that were not having these Commissions come in one after the other asking for these requests. I think that we should determine fairly and generously if you will, but I think that we should determine what we are going to pay these Commissions and let it be that and not having them come in repeatedly for everyone of our 125 Commissions.

PRESIDENT: Would you like to close debate Senator Warner on your motion to kill? Excuse me, Senator Koch asked to be recognized.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, members of the body, a question of Senator Hasebroock.

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: Yes.

SENATOR KOCH: Senator Hasebroock, these are appointments of the Governor aren't they?

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: That is right Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Are they based upon knowledge and ability of the man or is sometimes just based upon reward for support?

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: I think that it is probably based upon both, but I think that most of the Commissioners are pretty well qualified as to the position that they are holding.

SENATOR KOCH: The point is that when they accepted the appointment I think that they knew that the salary was \$20 a day, didn't they?

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: I'm sure.

SENATOR KOCH: Do you think that it is really imperative then that we decide that they should be paid up to \$4,800 a year, when they basically rely upon the State Highway Department for all of their advice?

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: I suppose that it was primarily a reason to bring them in line with some of the other commissions.

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, particularly Senator Murphy. I believe that the setting of a policy is what Senator Warner has in mind. That this is the first such bill that we have received or the first such request in this session. The Executive Board has not