

senators, if you just pick up the phone and call your banker and say, hey, I want to go to Washington two days and it's going to cost X number of dollars. I really don't recommend that you all go on a state plane because I'll tell you why, from a very practical standpoint, God forbid, but if that plane went down, we'd lose more than half of our Legislature. How would the government then go? I don't even suggest that all of you go on the same commercial plane. It is not smart business. But you do have my support for going. I will vote for 20 of you to go. If 20 of you went, we could still run the Legislature here because we'd still have a majority and we could continue some of the business of introducing bills, or starting committee hearings, or whatever. But I wish you'd think about that. I wish you'd think about the taxpayers, especially the front part of the Legislature down here, the right front side that is always talking about we've got to cut taxes, we've got to cut expenses. I'm telling you, you better be the leaders because the next time you get up and you start talking about cutting money for the mentally retarded, or cutting money for people that don't have enough to eat, I'm going to ask you, Senator, did you go to Washington?

PRESIDENT: You've spoken five minutes, Senator.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, friends. I hope we still are.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President, members of the body, when I made my earlier speech here when we debated a bill I said that I would like to see all of us go. We need to have an impact upon Washington. I feel that is very important. I do feel that as many of us that can go should go. I, for one, would not be perturbed if I would have to pay my own expense, even though I think it wouldn't be logical but I still would do it. I think as a group we would have some impression upon Washington and that, to me, is important. I know that the group yesterday, at Wahoo, felt that a business man and a farmer should also go with us. I have some misgivings about this because I know it is a group, but we need to have our thoughts all together. There are many things that we have to talk about. We have to prevent us from going away from the subject at hand. I do feel that we, as individuals, can accomplish it without asking a lot of other people to come along with us. If they do feel that