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appreciate him. I think he is an excellent person, he is an intelligent person, and he knows how to go out and get information. And I think we should encourage this sort of thing. Now just what type of research people we need I'm not 100% certain, some of our needs may vary. But I'm going to quote former Senator who left this body, and I know he won't mind my using his name, his name is Senator Rudy Kokes, who most of us knew and we all respected, and just a few months ago he told me Lorán he said, I didn't even scratch the surface to what I could have done here if I would have had a good research person assigned to me, and I think this goes a long way because Rudy was not the kind of a person who believe in squandering money, but he knew and we all know that our time is limited and the proper use of that time is very important and a good well qualified research person can extend our time and our services to the people in the State of Nebraska, and so I'd encourage all of you to follow Senator Simpson's suggestion, comment should be made as to what you think you personally need and how it should be accomplished. Thank you.

SPEAKER: Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President and members of the legislature, I think this always comes up every time there is new Senators, they don't know their way around and as a consequence they want to have a full time research worker. I was the same way when I first came to the legislature. But I think that it's alright to approve this motion which Senator Simpson has just made to find out what our needs are, but I think when we say something about our needs we should indicate the kinds of research projects we want to carry out. Now we have several sources of getting material now, for example, we have our lobbyist, now some people don't like the lobbyist, but I've had great help from the lobbyist. We have our State Departments of Government, Department of Revenue, Department of Education, Department of Motor Vehicles, many of those departments that are willing to help the State Senators to obtain information. We have our fiscal analyst and I just visited with Senator Marvel, and he says that sometimes these men are available to help us in our special projects. And I would feel that if each of us had a full time research worker or two or three that we would be duplicating alot of our efforts, and I feel that we should have this work done through essential place. Now for example if I need some research done, I go down to Jack Rogers, and he can find somebody to obtain this research, generally speaking, and we have a lot of people right now, but I don't believe everybody informed us to where we can go to get this information.

SPEAKER: Senator Cal Carsten.

SENATOR CAL CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the legislature, I am appreciative of the new Senator's concern, but being a relative new Senator only being here for two years, I would also inform them that as your sessions go on, you learn more all the time, and that it does become more easily to secure information as the time progresses. I have been concerned as Senator Schmit has said, about every committee having a research person assigned to them, and as he said they have been invaluable to us, particularly on the Ag Committee. I have a question that I'm not sure of but I would like to know, does every standing committee have a research individual assigned to them?

SPEAKER: Senator Savage.

SENATOR SAVAGE: I've been informed by Jack Rogers office that there are 13 people hired for that purpose and its at the request of the chairman of that committee if he wants one or if he doesn't want one. You can request it and they are available. In answer