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I could tell you. Why did we set limits in the first place. We've always had limits on government spending. Why do we have a limit on the national debt. This is about the same category so I would say that unless we have an extreme emergency which we don't have, I would say let's forget about this L.B. 243 and either kill it or leave it on general file to die a natural death.

SPEAKER: Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Would ask Senator Snyder, at least in part. This State has a reputation unless it's cheap, we're not going to do it. The exception is, depends who people are. As an illustration in the Insurance Department we pay a salary, I don't know, \$16,000.00 or \$17,000.00 a year to supervise the operations of all the insurance companies which come under his jurisdiction. It's just like this body here, for example, they cheapen this body because they pay us \$400.00 a month and the people don't, in my judgment, exercise very good judgment because we're spending probably about five hundred million dollars periodically. You go in the Banking Department, to illustrate, they pay there a man about \$16,000.00 or \$17,000.00 approximate. He has the supervision of all the banks and all the security. We just don't want to do it and let's go to the Omaha Public Power District. They pay the President \$50,000.00 a year and they give him a pension and it's a good pension. Now the reason we do that is because these people in their own judgment are important, more important than anybody else in the State and I would agree with some of the Senators here, we ought to do something in order to raise the salaries up so we can expect to get people qualified and make the position attractive. We did it in the judges. In the Judge Reform Bill we raised the District Court up to what the Supreme Court was getting before. We raised the County Judges up to \$20,000.00 a year. Now what kind of an activity is this? Why don't we have the courage to do the obvious thing. Why do we have to do it piecemeal and why do we have to wait for somebody else to try, to make us do it? To pay the Governor of the State of Nebraska \$25,000.00 is completely ridiculous. You only look at the first cost. You pay a State Engineer, not only this one but his predecessors an amount that is almost a reflection upon the inability of any State Engineer, an administrator of a department, and I'm not too sure that those they administer want it administered and it's just like Senator Duis, let me give you an example: Years ago they got a City Attorney from Scottsbluff and under a Democratic governor, they made him the head of the Insurance Department and he didn't know anything but he was convenient and he was congenial to the point that when they got through with him doing what they wanted him to do, they made him the president of a bonding operation in Omaha, Lincoln rather, statewide. They take care of those who take care of them. Every State Engineer more or less, has always been taken care of by those people previously he regulated and the last one is no exception and the one before him is no exception and the one before him is no exception. They take care of those we put there because we don't give them enough money to become independent in their judgment or anything else. I think it's a sad reflection on this body that we allow it to continue and just remember, if you want a cheap State Engineer, I'll give you \$50,000.00 for the job. I'll pay you to give it to me and I'll end up getting rich legally. Senator Nore is always interested in the first cost. He has a mind which is agriculturally oriented. Anything is too much except what the farmer gets. Now we're finding out, for example, that even people are complaining what the farmer gets. It is a long ways from, but the area of self interest is a thing that prevails and wherever you find low salaries in executive positions of great responsibility, there is a reason for it and somebody along the line honestly either after they leave or sometime they are realized for what they have done and they are rewarded. I have nothing against that because it's our fault. We don't pay them enough in the first place and I think a man to head the