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That question to Senator Warner, maybe he has more definite information on that.

SPEAKER: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, as I indicated the Board of Health told me this, now if some senior law student knows what it is, Senator Kennedy, I'm perfectly willing to pass over and perhaps he can sit down with the Board of Health and explain to them that they don't have to have a doctor because they are of the impression from, as they told me from several governments they had to have a doctor, in fact they were required to remove an interim director who was not, but I'm certainly willing to pass over the bill again, in order to determine whether your source is correct is not, if that's what you'd like to do.

SENATOR KENNEDY: I certainly would like that report myself because I was not completely satisfied with the research and of course, Ron Frank is not working with me any more, but I would appreciate it, because I think that is a very vital question, but his report stated that if, that they must have qualified M.D.'s within that department, but not as administrator or director in fact, so I would appreciate that, if it's possible to get a sincere report on that.

SPEAKER: I have a number of Senators asking for the floor. Namely Senators Whitney, Anderson, Carpenter, Carstens, Snyder, Marsh and Nore. Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, as I recall I was sitting in this legislature when this legislature voted that it was necessary that the director of the Department of Health would be a doctor of medicine, and I, the Board of Health, when they were before the committee on committees was asked this same question and they definitely, as Senator Warner expressed, feel that this is the case. Now, I would like to say that Senator Carpenter mentioned a very high figure, but we asked the members present at the board, how much increase would you anticipate you'd have to go and they felt just a normal increase for the present man, based upon what is being done for other state employees. Now Senator Carstens said that they had free secretarial help, of course they have free secretarial help, because they are working full time for the state, and I want to make another reply that we've given this power to the county commissioners in the state of Nebraska, to set the salaries of all county, all other county officials, for years, and this is nothing new, I feel that we, we're going to have to put some trust into these governor's appointees that are approved by the legislature, to do what's necessary to do in order to have the kind of management in our Health Department that we need here in the state of Nebraska.

SPEAKER: Senator Anderson.

SENATOR ANDERSON: One question of somebody, is this bill going to get laid over, now for clarification on this point?

SPEAKER: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Well I, Mr. President I only indicated if Senator Kennedy is still not satisfied, I didn't object, I'm not going to ask to have it passed over, if Senator Kennedy wants to fine.

SPEAKER: Senator Anderson.