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I ask Senator Anderson if he will yield to a question?

SPEAKER: Senator Anderson will you yield to a question?
 Senator Anderson, Senator Luedtke has a question for you.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Senator Anderson you commented that you thought we ought to first set the other salaries below these levels in order, and then we could get to these levels, are you aware of the fact that all other executive offices of this type now have this same privilege that Senator Warner is asking in his bill? Are you aware that all other such officers can have their salaries set by the boards now, that the legislature has nothing to do with setting them other than through the budget committee process?

SENATOR ANDERSON: I think what we are getting back to is what Senator Frank Lewis was talking about, is that -

SENATOR LUEDTKE: That's correct, are you aware of that?

SENATOR ANDERSON: Right.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: And why do you think this one position should not be in the same category as all other positions, that's my question?

SENATOR ANDERSON: I really think the thing we should do is to start out by funding the salary increases for lower levels, lower level employees.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: That is another matter, we can do that through the budget process now, if we give these agencies, I hope that we are giving them consideration for those other people who are employed, we can do that now, we don't need any law to do that. I'm asking you about this, why should this position be any different then any of the others, do you have any reason for that?

SENATOR ANDERSON: I simply cannot justify voting for this particular salary increase or any other salary increase at this level until I'm satisfied that the lower level employees have been satisfied, but if you want to hold this over until we vote on a budget and see what we are going to do about lower level salaries, then I'd be willing to take another look at it, but I simply can't vote for this one first.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Well Senator Anderson you're not answering my question, why is this any different then all the others in the state of Nebraska, all the other positions? Why do you single this one out and say I'm going to vote on this one and none other?

SENATOR ANDERSON: This happens to be the one that's in the bill, this is the one that is before us.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: So your going to hold this one up because this is the only one in the whole state that is treated this way, then do you wish to go along with Senator Lewis, would you like to sit down and consider all these salaries?

SENATOR ANDERSON: What I'm saying is this happens to be the only salary that is before us, we don't have any kind of a bill dealing with the other salaries in front of us.