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SENATOR MURPHY: I wonder if my friend the square shooter Senator DeCamp would want to include in his informative message to the people that with the population in excess of a million and a half people, the present salaries scale is costing them the tremendous total of about fifteen cents per capita per year at the moment.

SPEAKER: Thank you. Senator Skarda do you wish to be heard on the Whitney amendment here to the DeCamp amendment, passing, alright Senator Stahmer, do you wish to be heard on that, how about Senator Syas, do you want to be heard on the Whitney amendment here.

SENATOR SYAS: Well I just wanted to say one little thing about this, I think we got to be a little careful here, I don't see anything wrong with the way we had it, that would make this increase, as he said that would nail it down to six hundred and seventy five, there maybe a reason that we would want to take something for some other purpose that would allow us, make us eligible for some other purposes too, as I understand it, and I wish I didn't have to say. I think you know.

SPEAKER: Senator Burbach did you wish to be heard on the Whitney amendment here?

SENATOR BURBACH: Yes, Mr. President, I would oppose the Whitney amendment, I think the amendment is offered by the committee, as Senator Syas has discussed it is fair it is clear, people understand, most all people know that we are receiving four hundred dollars a month now, why complicate the issue on the ballot, I don't believe that we would be telling the people something they don't already know and inserting it into our constitution, it's not the place for all that excess verbage in our constitution so I would oppose Senator Whitney's amendment.

SPEAKER: Alright, now Senator DeCamp, did you wish to be heard on the Whitney amendment here?

SENATOR DECAMP: Just to say I have no opposition to it.

SPEAKER: Is there any further discussion of the Whitney amendment? Senator Whitney do you wish to close on your amendment then? Senator Whitney is closing.

SENATOR WHITNEY: My reason for putting this in, is it's unnecessary words and it makes it simpler it will reduce the printing cost and it will reduce the amount of reading by the people who are making this, and they don't care whether it's sixty three percent or sixty two percent, and all they want to know is exactly how many dollars it is. It's dollars that people are thinking about in this regard, so I move that this be adopted.

SPEAKER: The question is shall the Whitney amendment to the DeCamp amendment be adopted? All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote no. You are voting on the Whitney amendment to the DeCamp amendment. The Chair would ask if you have all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 6 nays, 22 nays.

SPEAKER: The amendment is defeated. Next move is back to Senator DeCamp's amendment then. Senator DeCamp we are back to you to adopt that amendment.