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be in the form of salary and the remainder be set aside for retirement. Now, I realize what Senator DeCamp is saying is important. The people will say, "Well, they'll go right to the maximum anyway, so what's the difference," and it will present a cloud, but I think if we say that maybe we want a portion of it as a salary without any extra cost for a retirement program without any cost to the taxpayer, and this gets out to the public, then possibly the people will understand what we are attempting to do. And so, I'm against his amendment as it stands now.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Proud.

SENATOR PROUD: Mr. President and members, I think I have an answer to this great debate. The law, as I understand it, presently provides that the Attorney General can explain a Constitutional amendment. In fact, I believe it requires him to. How simple it would be for the Attorney General, right on the ballot that's where it is put next to the Constitutional amendment, to say, "If you vote for this Constitutional amendment, it increases the salary of the Legislators from \$400.00 to \$600.00 a month" or whatever the figure is. "If you vote against it, there salary stays at \$400.00 a month." What's wrong with that, Senator DeCamp? In other words, I am trying to say that I don't believe this Legislature is trying to be deceitful at all.

SPEAKER: The chair next recognizes Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President and fellow members, during the past years with all the referendums that have been defeated by the people concerning legislative salaries, I think two or three of us have always got up on the floor at the time they were introduced and said that we are spinning our wheels. Now, I hope we are not...I don't think we are on this one, but we might have a better chance if we would put...as an employer if I had an employee that was going from \$400 to \$600, I think I would be much more receptive to \$600 than I would to \$675. So, let's look at it realistically. I think we would be sure on \$600 and doubtful on \$675.

SPEAKER: The chair next recognizes Senator Chambers. We are still debating on the DeCamp amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this is one time when I would like to terminate debate, so I'm going to move the previous question as far as Senator DeCamp's amendment is concerned. Then, we can vote on the bill itself.

SPEAKER: The previous question has been moved. Does the chair see five hands? Thank you. The question is shall the debate now close. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote no. You are voting to close debate. Have you all voted? The clerk will record.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays.

SPEAKER: The debate will now close. Senator DeCamp is closing on his amendment to LB 232. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, memb...excuse me...Mr. President and members of the Legislature.

SPEAKER: yes sir.

SENATOR DeCAMP: It's impossible for me to make any individual on this floor say anything that they may have said in private or that they know in their own mind. There are 49 of us in here and as God is my witness, 49 of us have to know that one of the prime purposes of putting the amendment on the ballot