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Adjutant General of the state of Nebraska who is involved in Civil Defense, basically out of Federal funds that are now and will be available in the future for this purpose. It just gives him the flexibility to pay the Adjutant General more money, if he so desires, out of the Civil Defense which he has the control and the direction of.

SPEAKER: Any further discussion of the Carpenter amendments? Are you ready for the question. Senator Stromer.

SENATOR STROMER: Would Senator Carpenter yield to a question? What are the present limitations? I mean, why can't he do this now? Do we have present state statutes that prevent him from paying what he wants to. I mean, for the Governor making that decision.

SENATOR CARPENTER: That's my understanding that to do it he has to have permission. In other words, he now pays, as I understand, out of Federal funds. There is another bill, if it ever gets out of Committee, which I am attempting or will attempt to do to get the Adjutant General's salary up to the places of the authority he has in the area of being either a brigadier or a major general. Everyone else in the National Guard in this state is paid on that bases except the Adjutant General.

SENATOR STROMER: This bill just merely allows the Governor to make the determination.

SENATOR CARPENTER: That's all this amendment does, yes.

SPEAKER: Any further discussion of the Carpenter amendments? Are you ready for the question? All those in favor of the Carpenter amendments say aye. Those opposed no. The amendments are adopted. Mr. Clerk, are there further amendments.

CLERK: There is no further amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: Senator Carpenter, do you have another amendment?

SENATOR CARPENTER: I just sent it up.

CLERK: Now, another amendment, Mr. President. Would you like this read, Senator.

SENATOR CARPENTER: What.

CLERK: Would you like this read?

SENATOR CARPENTER: I want it read and I would like to have you read it slow and deliberate so that the body...it is a matter of policy and I want the body to understand it, if they accept it.

CLERK: All right. On page 50, line 13 insert--read.

SPEAKER: Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Mr. President, it's my belief and understanding that the area in the application of submittance that the Civil Patrol and the wing of it has been and still is a sort of a stepchild to the overall operation of the state of Nebraska. Now, Civil Defense is quite an operation in which we need all we can. There are a number of planes available within the state of Nebraska which could be purchased, and this doesn't authorize any purchase yet, anyway, in which they can be sent out throughout the state. As an illustration, in Scottsbluff, for example, as I recall, we've got forty members of the Civil Air Patrol and they don't have anything to fly. Now, it seemed to me we got 40 men out there who have dedicated, if that's the right word, to serve this state in the field of air protection and civil defense and they