

So I oppose the Richendifer amendment. I support the Simpson bill with the Simpson amendment.

PRESIDENT: Once again is there any further discussion of the Richendifer amendment? Any further discussion? OK, Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: In response to what Senator DeCamp has just said, as I understand it the word "may" is in there which means that there be an option even now. In line 12 it says except that the aggregate amount of all payroll claims may be included as one item. Now this then means that there would still be an option? That the County Commissioners could publish all of the separate items, and if so, I would feel that what Senator DeCamp has said was not necessarily objectional to the smaller communities. Now with reference to Senator Richendifer's amendment I feel that it should be in there. All he is doing is to insist that in July of each year that the salaries be indicated in detail. That since the word "may" is already in the bill then it might be an option of his an option that and he is going to be certain that it is published once a year and then in addition any change in salary is going to be made. So if they increase the salary of any single person that change is going to be there. So far as informing the public is concerned all you need to do is get the old newspaper out and you find out what the salaries are going to be and what they are every month and whatever the change is going to be it is going to be published.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Anderson.

SENATOR ANDERSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I don't think that the issue here is the tax payer subsidy of the local newspapers. I think that the issue is that whether the interest of the public in getting information about what government is doing is being served. I think that in this case what Senator Richendifer is suggesting through his amendment is absolutely sufficient as long as the public has the opportunity to find out once a year what the salaries are going to be then there interest in getting public information has been served and to repetitiously do this every single month of the year really serves no purpose at all. I think what Senator Richendifer is suggesting is a good compromise and I think that the interest of the public would be well served in adopting his amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nore your light is still on, do you wish to be recognized? Any further discussion of the Richendifer amendment? Senator Richendifer do you have any closing remarks?

CLERK: Mr. President, we now have an amendment to the Richendifer amendment.

PRESIDENT: Read the amendment.

CLERK: Read amendment.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Richendifer.

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: The reason for this is that in many of our counties there is more than one newspaper and all of the people in the county don't subscribe to all of the newspapers so rather than to have the county board make a choice as to which newspaper they are going to publish in, I changed it to all of the newspapers in the county. I think probably the way