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SENATOR WHITNEY: Well, it's the same as...Federal Social Security would be one.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, certainly that's a great thing of the court. Now Mr. President, we want to discuss what a Governor is worth. Any Governor of this State who will hold the office is worth \$50,000 a year. Now we have school superintendents who are getting about \$40,000 some thousand dollars a year. We have the head of the Omaha Public Power who is getting \$50,000, plus a luxurious pension system. Now if we want to do what we ought to do, let's amend Senator Stahmers, make it \$50,000 and let him then lower it to whatever point he thinks he wants to receive it. And I so move.

PRESIDENT: Well, now I have an amendment to the other one.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I move we, what is yours \$35,000. Well I move that we add \$15,000 more on it.

PRESIDENT: Well, Senator Stahmer do you care to respond to Senator Carpenter's amendment here.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President, I would accept the amendment. Senator Whitney is absolutely right. I think the Governor has the right to bring that down to any figure he so chooses. And I think, personally I think \$50,000 would even be more appropriate. I would have suggested that amount, but I didn't think the Governor would accept much, but Senator Whitney is absolutely right. I think the Governor can put in the figure that he's is willing to live with. I'm also told that we would have to pass other legislation and I think this bill could set on Select File until we pass the other Legislation that would be required in another bill to adjust this salary. But I think 25,000 in this day and age, when we have all these other subdivision heads making 40,000 and 50,000. It's just not appropriate. I accept your amendment.

PRESIDENT: Well, if that be the case then, the bill has to come back to Select File for specific amendment. And we have to know what the specific amendment is before we bring it back here so. Stand - by. Let's see what we have. Let's assume then. All right, Senator Carpenter has amended your amendment and it's all right with you Senator Stahmer. We're debating now the return of 986 to Select File for specific amendment. That would be to raise the salary of the Governor to \$50,000 and next to speak...Now, Senator Fowler, you and Senator Cavanaugh are standing up back there. Senator Proud has his light on first. Just a minute let me clear them up in the order in which they went on, because the Chair doesn't know how else to function. Senator Proud do you want to pass to You are next to speak. The motion before us is to return the bill to Select file. Now change the salary to 50,000. Speaker Proud.

SPEAKER PROUD: Well, I personally believe we ought to pass it with the \$35,000. Now I think the Governor is worth \$25,000. But I think we ought to have a Governor who is worth \$35,000. I'm only joking.

PRESIDENT: O.K. Next to speak is Senator Cavanaugh. Then Syas, Fowler, Chambers, Barnett, Fellman and Senator Fred Carstens.