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SENATOR FOWLER: I guess I have a question of either Senator Marvel or Senator Stahmer eith one. Senator Marvel would changing the appropriation in this bill change the Governor's salary. I notice it mentions in their a reference to another set of statutes.

SENATOR MARVEL: I've checked with the Clerk and I think if you want to change the salary you have to go to a separate section and all you would be doing here is raising the appropriation which would not be affected. Is that right Vince? If you want to change the salary, if this is your question then you need to amend an appropriate section of the statutes.

SENATOR FOWLER: That answers my question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, DID YOU want to be heard on the issue.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, I think that the office of Governor, it does or should carry a certain amount of dignity with it, and the salary indicates what that level is. And regardless of who the particular individual is in the position we ought to determine what we think the salary ought to be for that particular office. So if this bill cannot accomplish what we have in mind, I would be opposed to returning it for Select File and doing it on a more appropriate statute. However in line with Senator Proud said. Each man does know what he's worth. He wants..he's got a \$25,000 Governor, he wants a \$35,000 Governor. If he gets me that \$50,000 figure is appropriate.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: Well, Mr. President, I'm in a peculiar spot in the fact that I think the Governor of this State should get \$50,000 a year. Now of course there are some people that figure they are worth \$50,000 and other they weren't. So of course we have a Governor that doesn't think he's worth it, so I don't suppose we should raise his salary. But we can't in this bill do anything. I don't believe. This is a deficit legislation bill and I think you will find your Constitution says that you can't raise anybody's salary during their term of office. So we've got to have a bill that will start with January. The salary increase in January of 1975, and that's when the salary increase becomes available. You cannot raise a salary during a term of office. Therefore I don't see where there is any use of bringing this bill back because you can't accomplish, even though I agree with Senator Stahmer you can't accomplish it in a deficit appropriation. He cannot get any increase in salary until his term runs out like the rest of us. So, I think we would be wasting our time, this deficit appropriation it appears to me. In other words it's an appropriation that was set up in the last budget for anybody that recommended, and can say we kept within the budget and then we fool the people to a certain extent by saying we exceeded the budget, there wasn't enough money in there. So now we give it a deficit appropriation wo it doesn't show the old budget. It's the greatest shell game that Government for years has been playing on the people of the State of Nebraska. I wish they would get wise to this and not that it isn't necessary. Now get me right. This is necessary and there's a lot of them appropriations. deficit appropriations. I think they are all necessary. But it always makes us look though that we or the Governor that we stayed within the guidelines of the appropriation of the budget. This is the...and we do not...and I'm not in