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Enrolling Clerk.

PRESIDENT: Thank you.

CLERK: Mr. President, I move to return LB646 to Select File for specific amendments, signed, Senator Carpenter.

PRESIDENT: We're ready for your motion on LB646, Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: What the amendment does is to allow the county officers who desire to raise or lower their salaries as the condition might determine up to March 15 of this year. There are some places where they have raised their salary and I presume they want to lower them. And if they want to, I think they ought to be allowed to and those who want to raise them ought to be allowed to do that and take the full responsibility for it.

(End of Belt #2)

(Begin Belt #3)

That's the purpose of the amendment. I would be willing back to Select File for the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion of Senator Carpenter's motion to return the bill? Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: I wonder if Senator Carpenter would yield to a question?

PRESIDENT: Will Senator Carpenter yield?

SENATOR BARNETT: Terry, would this include any elected official in the county or is this just for the person in this bill? In other words, if we would limit.....

SENATOR CARPENTER: Any county officer.

SENATOR BARNETT: In other words, the County Attorney, if we put a limit on them through a bill that they can't work outside. Would this allow them to set their salary higher? Still give them time to do it?

SENATOR CARPENTER: I don't think the county board should do anything detrimental with this Body might want to do insofar as the County Attorney is concerned.

SENATOR BARNETT: I meant, you know, be able to set this salary because that date's past. That they've set for their budget. Now are we extending that period of time, is that what this is doing? Thank you.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Yes, that's exactly right.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stull.

SENATOR STULL: Senator Carpenter, if I understand you, this is for only this one year.

SENATOR CARPENTER: That's right. Now, let me be honest about the matter. I want to be frank with this Body. The request would apply to Douglas County where some of the commissioners have raised their salaries and who now have had second thoughts about it and I presume might want to reconsider to lower them back. Now I presume there's a political application to the