

I would imagine that there might be some other that might want to either challenge my move to strike the Carpenter amendment, or perhaps I might find supporters for this change. I'm not going to go into a long discussion of the issue until I have heard arguments on the other side. But the amendment is to strike the Carpenter amendment adopted last Thursday in my absence, and I realize that that in itself is no excuse, but had I been here I would have certainly objected at that time. So at this time I will move for that motion.

PRESIDENT: Next to speak, Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President, I speak in opposition to bring this bill back and striking the opportunity for the County Commissioners in Douglas to set the salaries back to the present \$12,000 that they are now receiving. I'm sorry that Senator Snyder was not present, but, this was well debated, well discussed and the opportunity at that time with the vote of the legislature last week proved inconclusively that this was a particular amendment that would help us commissioners save the tax payers and I'm sure that Senator Snyder is in favor of this to draw back and to save \$15,000 in salaries into Douglas County. So members of the legislature I wish to ask you to help us maintain and keep this amendment on the bill and quit fighting the battle of the county commissioners in this legislature. I think that it's almost like a turnip. It has been squeezed, pressed, and it has been getting to the point now where it is almost reaching the ridiculous. All of the publicity that could be gotten out of the county commissioners pay increase has been rung out by these people who consistently and constantly bring it up. Here is an opportunity that the commissioners themselves are to be praised. They are taking the salary back. I compliment the Douglas County Commissioners and I think that they are doing a service for our county.

PRESIDENT: Senator F. Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. President, I rise to oppose the return of Select File of this particular bill for the addition of the amendment and I think that Senator Mahoney has explained it rather well. The only confusion that I have is consistently Senator Snyder demands that particularly in Douglas County and the city of Omaha have the right to make their own decisions and this in essence would then be taking away one of those judgments and obviously we know the reason that the amendment was placed on and that was to allow the countyboard to roll the salaries back as Senator Mahoney has said and to save the tax payers \$15,000 on it, surely Senator Snyder when he looked at that that was probably his first intention and I would suggest to you that the horse is dead, lets stop beating it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter, Fellman then Dickinson.

SENATOR CARPENTER: As I understood the Senator from Omaha his bill has to do, Snyder, with only one thing and that is the taking away from the Douglas County Commissioner the right to set their own salary. Did I misunderstand your bill?

PRESIDENT: Senator Snyder, do you care to respond.

SENATOR SNYDER: Senator Carpenter, it establishes a \$12,000