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into personalities and that's the problem in Lancaster County at this time. I think you'll find that the majority of the Lancaster County senators disagree with these amendments. And I think under these conditions I would certainly ask you to reject these amendments by Senator Simpson.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature. I feel that if these amendments were adopted, we were...we would dilute the use of what we are trying to pass for Lancaster County. The majority of the employees of Lancaster County want the bill in its present form. The small employee, the one who doesn't head the department, the one who has worked for the county for 15 or 20 years needs this in its present form so I would urge you to reject these amendments and let's pass it on.

PRESIDENT: Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. I don't want to go into the whole history of this bill but I would indicate the amendments as Senator Simpson has proposed were suggested to the committee at a lengthy evening hearing and the committee rejected these changes, felt the plan as presented was the best form we could have both in terms of the employees and in terms of Lancaster County government. The current law, the bill we have was well researched, it's well organized, it was put together by the U. S. Civil Service Commission. I think the amendments would weaken this system....I would oppose the amendments that Senator Simpson proposes.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Well, Mr. President, I would just suggest that we have the Lincoln senators cast their bread upon the water. We can see what these good people want and then we can take some guidance from that.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes, do you wish to speak? Senator Keyes, you have your light on. Do you want to speak?

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. President, I'd like to ask Senator Barnett a question here.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett, Will you yield?

SENATOR BARNETT: I sure will.

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Barnett, we've talked about this several times. At the present without a civic or civil service commission, the county commissioners are actually the ones that decide the pay scale, etc. for the Lancaster County employees?

SENATOR BARNETT: Well.....

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