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SENATOR BARNETT: Indirectly they do because they give the elected officials their budget.

SENATOR KEYES: So if we come along and put them in charge of this commission, we won't be accomplishing very much in Lancaster County.

SENATOR BARNETT: If you put who in charge?

SENATOR KEYES: The commissioners in charge, county commissioners in charge, what Senator Simpson wants here.

SENATOR BARNETT: They wouldn't be in charge.

SENATOR KEYES: But with Senator Simpson's, they will.

SENATOR BARNETT: Oh, that's right, they take them out.... actually....they take....no, I think you misunderstand it. What they do is take it out and put it in the hands of the Personnel Board who is responsible to nobody. And then indirectly you're right, Senator Keyes, because the commissioners set the budget.

SENATOR KEYES: I was pretty sure I'd read this. I want you to know I had a bill that was going to put Sarpy County in the Civil Service commission. Unless this bill comes out in its present form and I may wait one year to find out, but I'm very interested in what happens in Lancaster County. And I certainly support Senator Barnett in what they have and not what Senator Simpson wants to do.

PRESIDENT: Senator Fellman. Senator Fellman, did you wish....

SENATOR FELLMAN: Yeah, I'd like to know whether Senator Barnett would yield to a question. Senator, we in the Douglas County delegation are always solve our problems at home. I'd like to know if maybe somebody ought to suggest that if the Lancaster County delegation would get together on this and solve your problems out in the cloak room, maybe the Douglas County people would know how to learn a lesson.

SENATOR BARNETT: Senator Fellman, your point's well taken. I've tried to beat that into Senator Simpson's head in the last three days and I haven't gotten anywhere with it.

PRESIDENT: Are you ready to vote on the question? Senator Simpson, do you wish to close?

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. You can see we are divided and the division is rather narrow on one side it seems like in our own delegation. Still, as I started, I'd say there is a difference of philosophy among the employees as to how this board should work and who should be directly in control. And this gives you an opportunity to vote your conscience on that.

PRESIDENT: Ready to vote. Take 25 votes. Those in favor of the Simpson amendment vote aye. Those opposed vote nay. Voting nay.

CLERK: Voting no.

PRESIDENT: Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 7 ayes, 16 nays, Mr. President.