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what we are paying him and what we appropriated for our county attorney's office. No, I cannot understand why the senators from Douglas County come down and say the Sarpy County don't need it when I just now gave a vote to help Douglas County get what they want for their share and the man that is going to take care of the correctional institute. It's amazing to me how some times it becomes our duties as other senators throughout this state to help take care of Douglas County and now Douglas County proposes when we try to take care of ourselves. I certainly am against the kill motion. I certainly would support Senator Cavanaugh in what he is trying to do and I have found out that in Lancaster County, there was one man who said he was running for the office and he wanted to be paid, I believe it was \$15,000 and do full time work outside. I certainly would not support that. I think it's time that the county attorneys in counties that are as big as ours, that are as big as my county, are full time and realize that they have a responsibility to the people that elect them to represent the county and not take care of their own personal business. If they want to take care of their own personal business, they know it before they start running. They can get out of the race. I think that there was a piece of paper passed around here by one of the men that's running for county attorney saying how much our former, our present county attorney made on the side. And it was somewhere five times as much as he made getting paid for being a county attorney. And yet still for being county attorney he hired I believe it's four deputies. He paid them in the vicinity of \$47,750 to do what he's hired to do and what he can't do, he can get somebody else to help him. I certainly would oppose killing this bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Snyder, then Simpson.

SENATOR SNYDER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I, too, would oppose this bill. Correction, oppose the kill motion on this bill. It seems to me that Senator Keyes in whose county this bill will affect very directly, Sarpy County, my colleagues from Lancaster County and I am surprised at my good friend, Senator Mahoney. Senator Mahoney, the good man who wore the badge for so long...knew and knows that many times a policeman does a good job or he loses that case because the county attorney has his hands tied. Senator Mahoney who just told us we need a full time person running corrections in a county. Now then, if we are going to do this, we must be consistent. If we are going to spend \$40,000 for an expert, yes, then we must, at least provide the citizens of that county one-half as much for prosecution. Don't kill this bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Simpson. Steady.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. This is me speaking for myself. I support the motion to kill the bill. We have Lancaster County in it. The present county attorney is not according to the bill. The man running for county attorney says that he opposes it. One specific reason for this would be that we are setting the salary and not letting the county board do it. And then we're going to make him full time, give him a chief deputy and make his salary three-fourths of the pay of the county attorney. But let him work outside so he should have a \$20,000 business on the side and make \$44,000 and the county