

SENATOR SIMPSON: Yes.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Do you feel that there is any possibility at all of a conflict between private clients and that a county attorney might represent and his duties as a county attorney?

SENATOR SIMPSON: I see no conflict.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Not even a possibility.

SENATOR SIMPSON: No.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Not even a remote one.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Not even remote.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: How much do you pay Mr. Douglas here now?

SENATOR SIMPSON: I can't tell you the present salary, it a...a..he just got an increase from the county board and I'm....

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Can you give me a ball park?

SENATOR SIMPSON: About \$26,000.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: \$26,000? And the thought is that you wouldn't think that it would be \$30,000?

SENATOR SIMPSON: No.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Do you think that \$30,000 would be adequate, do you think that you could get a good attorney to serve in the office for \$30,000? or \$30,250?

SENATOR SIMPSON: I think that we have a good one right now under the present arrangement. I think that he has taken care of the county business and he might be advising somebody on the outside, but he is not currently in court and trying cases or having any problems that would be of a conflict.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well thank you Senator Simpson.

PRESIDENT: Senator Simpson.

SENATOR SIMPSON: I think that is.....

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: It is clear here that primarily whether you have a full time county attorney or a part time county attorney and you only have a part time county attorney unless you are paying him full time and prohibiting him from private practice. The lure of private practice, especially in a position like that where you are in a position to attract clients from all over the city and clients who may be interested in a having an attorney represent them whom they may be able to do special things for him, who may have a certain degree of influence that another attorney might not have puts the county attorney in an extremely vulnerable position of acquiring clients that may not always leave him completely