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CLERK: Read Cavanaugh amendment.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Cavanaugh for his amendment.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Mr. President, this amendment would amend the salary of those county attorneys and counties over 60,000 persons from 27,000 to 32,000. If you are going to have a full time county attorney you have to pay them and he has the same responsibility for or even more so than the district judges that serve in that county and this would move their salary comparable to the district judges who will serve and I think that it is an adequate salary to pay a full time attorney and in a county that large.

PRESIDENT: We are discussing the Cavanaugh amendment and the first to speak is Senator Barnett, then Senator Keyes.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, I have a question of Senator Cavanaugh if he would yield. Senator Cavanaugh if we adopt this amendment we Lincoln Senators and the other rebel in the back row can pay attention too, would we be representing our people then if we would do this? By adopting this amendment, would this represent our people properly?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well I would hope so Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Well you said that we weren't doing it a little while ago, you said that we were not doing it. And that seat mate of yours came awful close to making some derogative remarks on the present county attorney and I wanted to make sure that this one is going to be OK for the people involved.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: It is my feeling that if you are going to have a full time county attorney you ought to compensate him adequately.

SENATOR BARNETT: You think that that will do it? This salary here? That would make a county attorney salary \$32,500, is that right?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: That is right.

SENATOR BARNETT: Well I'm very happy for your opinion that is what I wanted.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well, you are welcome.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: I was...Mr. Speaker, I was going to ask Senator Cavanaugh if that wasn't 325 but I already got that information. It is \$32,500 rather than \$3,200 as you stated. I do feel that this is going to give the people of Sarpy, Lancaster an opportunity to have a good full time county attorney, something that we have needed real badly. I know the men that are then running in Sarpy County, \$32,500 is not going to discourage any of them. I think that