

some one of higher caliber. So you are defeating the purpose of getting someone of real expertise in the county attorney office when you go ahead with this.

PRESIDENT: Senator Skarda.

SENATOR SKARDA: Pass.

PRESIDENT: Just the motion, just the Murphy amendment. Senator Murphy do you want to close? Senator Murphy is now closing on his amendment.

SENATOR MURPHY: I don't want to close, I just want to change the wording that...it says the same thing.

PRESIDENT: Question is do you want to adopt the Murphy amendment. All those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no. Voting on the Murphy amendment. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 8 nays.

PRESIDENT: Amendment is adopted. What other amendments do you have?

CLERK: Read Cavanaugh amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I'm trying to make things a little easier on Senator Lewis by taking the deputies out of private practice also, that is what the amendment would do strike all those provisions of Senator Keyes amendment and providing for private practice by deputy county attorneys. I move the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator F. Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. President, I would speak to that question and I think that there is a concern that Senator Syas thinks is humorous but at this point the humor has kind of faded because he is talking about the administration of justice in my count of 80,00 we are talking about full time attorneys for about \$27,000 part time attorneys for \$16,000 and yes, there are those attorneys that will serve for that and there are also people that will serve for a lot of things if we once had a doctor down in southeastern Oklahoma that would take your appendix out for a buck and a quarter too. He didn't have a hell of a lot of business, he had dirty hands. My concern is that certainly when you start talking in terms of administration of justice and handling of very complex and broad sweeping area, that we paid people adequately you notice that I voted for Senator Cavanaugh's amendment to raise that salary if you were going to put a salary into that. I am at loss to explain to you that this is one of the most important offices a particularly as far as my county is concerned and I am willing to pay to do that. I think that this amendment without the increase in salary doesn't achieve the objective that I want too.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. President, I would like to ask Senator F. Lewis a question.