

PRESIDENT: Senator Leds yield to a question?

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Lewis you and I come from the same county and this states now that there is going to be a minimum of \$27,500 for our county attorney. Do you think that our county commissioners if we do not say \$27,500 do you think...if we say that is the minimum do you think that they will have enough nerve to go out and say here. The state legislature didn't have the nerve to do it but I'm going to say that the county attorney should draw \$32,500. They have every option to do that. Do you think that they will come out and do that or do they want to push it on to us? You know on our other county offices that the minimum is \$8,000 and they pay them \$14,000, \$16,000 and so forth. So they are able to raise theres as much as 40%. Do you think that they will be able to raise our county attorney above this by 40%.

SENATOR LEWIS: First of all, let me say that the commissioners and I have a deal that I don't speak for them and they don't speak for me and I would suspenct that in talking in terms of the general layman if he sees \$25,000 or \$26,000 he is going to think that is an abundance of money. The problem they are going to face is raising that above that level. In my judgment, most people in that type of political office would make the minimum amount and maximum at that level. I can't speak for them and that isnt what I think. I think that we have a problem that we are going to address ourselves too and certainly it involves more than \$5,00 or \$6,000 in the administration of justice in that county.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Lewis, I feel just like you do, I think that salaries in our county are not adequate, and I say that the county attorney should draw \$30, 35, 40,000 If they do for our county attorney then what they have done for our county clerk and our registrar of deeds and the county assessor and not the county assessor but the other county officials and pay them about 40% more than the minimum that we set, they will be perfectly in line and I would go out and campaign and a...a..for every one of the county commissioners and a...a..on that job that they are doing their job for the county when they give them the right kind of money to get a good county attorney.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett. We are debating the Cavanaugh amendment.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, members of the legislature, a question of the Chair. Is this Senator Cavanaugh's only amendment, I have question marks on the bill since Senator Murphy just added an amendment.

PRESIDENT: Well we had another Cavanaugh amendment what I believe was defeated earlier. This is now an additional amendment, that is correct.

SENATOR BARNETT: I think that I had better wait and ask as soon as we get done with this then.

PRESIDENT: Alright, fine. Any further discussion? Senator Cavanaugh do you want to close on your amendment? Senator Cavanaugh is closing on his amendment to 774.