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PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, my good friend, Senator Mahoney is slightly, I don't know what day, but he is on my side of the fence it is very definite. He talks about the outstate counties. And Senator Mahoney you would only include those counties from twenty thousand on up. And if you will check you will find that possibly 75 or 80 counties are below this and they are not even included in the bill. All we are concerned with really is Sarpy County, Douglas County, Lancaster County, and Butler County in which ever three or four other counties that want to join and become a part of it. So let's just go ahead and pass this bill, and let it go, and do not return it to be strike the enacting clause.

PRESIDENT: Next to speak is Senator Fred Carstens. All right, he is passing, Senator Cavanaugh is next then. He's passing. Next is Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Mahoney, would you yield to a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mahoney yield?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Mahoney, I want to ask in what respect you feel that this bill is bad for Lancaster County. But prior to that, would you tell me what the bill does in your opinion, in terms of, say a minimum salary and the prohibition of outside practice. Does it deal with those two things.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Yes, Senator Chambers, it certainly does. It allows Lancaster County to not be taken out of the bill. And as you remember Senator Simpson, had the amendment. And it just specifically takes care of the problems that Senator Keyes, thinks is in his Sarpy County, which is really not existant there. It is a county that is going to grow, but it is not necessary to curb the county Attorney there, his law practice. I think this bill, when the Senators go back to their home districts will find that it is quite controversial. That it does get itself involved in placing certain restrictions against the County Attorneys, and I think the County Attorneys and in those other 91 counties ought to be heard from and I don't think this bill is such an emergency, that we should pass it now, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Mahoney do you object to answering another question or two

SENATOR MAHONEY: Fine.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What is the situation in Douglas County. May the County Attorney engage in outside practice.

SENATOR MAHONEY: No, in Douglas County we have by law some sessions ago, or some years ago passed that our County Attorney shall not practice law, of course our salary for our County Attorney, I believe now has gone up to \$35,000.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is there a minimum salary set somewhere in THE law, below which the Douglas County Attorney cannot be paid. Is there a minimum salary in other words. Established by law.