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SENATOR MAHONEY: Senator Chambers I am not read up on this part of the bill. I know it speaks of \$20,000. I'm not able to answer your question.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature. No. I don't have any more questions. I think this bill ought not be ....

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indefinitely postponed. The reasoning and these bills are heard before various committees, is that there should be where law is practiced no appearance of collusion. The attorney is supposed to be stainless and spotless in every issue that he deals with in court. We know that is not ideal and will never be reached. But where a County Attorney is a prosecutor, then he ought not have anything outside of those duties to take his time as an attorney. I think it is reasonable to say that if this individual is going to have this sensitive position, he ought not have work outside In addition to that, a minimum salary, whatever the amount is agreed on, is up to various people based on value judgments about the worth of an individual in that capacity. But there would be a reasonable minimum salary established. I don't see that the bill would do more harm than good. With all of the discussions by the Bar Association of the people about making improvements in the image of the Bar. In the eyes of the public. A bill like this would serve a wholesome purpose. It's similar to saying, without saying exactly the same thing that at the level where a representative of the state is prosecuting somebody in the name of the state he is not going to be allowed to make money in a way that might conflict with the proper discharge of that duty in the same that a judge who is sitting on a case cannot have an interest in one side or the other. So I do not think, this bill ought to indefinitely postponed.

PRESIDENT Senator Frank Lewis. Then Schmit.

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, in regard to this discussion. Yesterday, or day before yesterday, I objected to the idea on the basis that the salary level was not high enough and I agreed with Senator Keyes, if that salary level was put up to \$32,000, \$33,000, I would support the bill. Now you can set whatever salaries you want to, and you are going to get an attorney to fill that job. Just like you get people to fill every job. But you are not going to get these who have to make those kind of sacrifices, the kind of sacrifices you have to make to maintain this. We have had people already file for these jobs. We have had people seeking it, under the conditions that existed before the action of this Legislature.