

but if they'd want it fine. I just stated the fact that there is one of them coming up for reappointment, or a new appointment in September, and all they have to do is go to the Governor and get one from Richardson County, Douglas County...any place they want. I certainly couldn't care less where they come from. They don't have to come from Sidney, Nebraska or any place else as far as I'm concerned. All I'm saying is they do not want more than three on there. It costs about ten thousand dollars a man to put them on there, and it costs the oil people, it doesn't cost the State of Nebraska that. They try to hold this down as much as they can, otherwise they're going to have to tax the oil more in order to pay for it, and they're already operating on one and a half mills. And if Senator Merz wants one from there, all he has to do is go to the Governor, get him to appoint one from there instead of the one that's coming up. I think it's John Mason from Sidney. Instead of him, appoint someone from Richardson County. I have nothing against that at all.

SENATOR MERZ: Mr. President, could I ask Senator Clark a question?

SPEAKER MARVEL: First of all, I recognize you to close. So when you're closing you can ask him a question.

SENATOR MERZ: Okay.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Go ahead.

SENATOR MERZ: Senator Clark, you said it costs ten thousand dollars per Commission member. How many meetings do they meet a year?

SENATOR CLARK: Eleven.

SENATOR MERZ: Eleven meetings. What do they draw for each meeting?

SENATOR CLARK: Twenty-five dollars.

SENATOR MERZ: To my arithmetic that don't add up to no ten thousand dollars.

SENATOR CLARK: They have to pay them ordinary expenses, Senator Merz. They have to pay the travel time going both ways, and over there they have no travel time, of course, but out here they would have travel time and three days instead of one day.

SENATOR MERZ: You mean travel time would run to that much?