

amount of money to put something on the ballot in our case about \$52,000. We also have the case of year after year of addressing judicial salaries. From time to time executive branch salaries, there have been some problems over that in years past. This will take into consideration all three branches of government and it is a commission composed of Nebraskans. Not an outside source coming in making recommendations but it is composed of the citizens of the state who have the expertise of the legislative, judicial and executive branches and their staff from which to draw upon and finally make a recommendation to this body. I would like to emphasize only once more, Senator Nichol, that this body can not increase any recommendation, can approve or reject or lower but can not increase.

SENATOR NICHOL: Thank you Senator Reutzel. I appreciate your explanation. It is a good explanation as far as it goes. As far as I am concerned I don't think that the people in the State of Nebraska are going to go for anything other than a direct amount of increase for salaries of this legislature. They have been in charge of that situation as long as the Unicameral has been in existence, as far as I know, and I don't think that the people in the State of Nebraska are going to go for any commission or any other type of situation other than voting a direct increase for this Legislature. I think that we are grasping at straws and I think that some people in the state will be thinking that we are trying to pull the wool over their eyes by creating a commission or something else or joining our salaries with some other entity in state government so that we can get a raise. I think that if this Legislature wants a raise in salary we should go directly to the people as we have in the past with a reasonable amount and I think that they will approve it. But to go with this type of situation I don't think that they are going to go for it. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I would like to ask a question or two of Senator Reutzel and I think he has an answer or two for Senator Nichol too. But, just exactly how would this work then? We have a Constitutional problem to start with and I'm sure that you have covered this but go over it one more time. How would we get past the constitutional part of it?

SENATOR REUTZEL: Well I guess I don't follow your question.

SENATOR KAHLE: Well if we....