

though we should apologize and I get awfully tired as do most of you when you go to various meetings and they say why don't you get a decent salary. The majority of the people do not even realize that the salary setting mechanism for the state Legislature is embodied in the Constitution. Now someone is going to say that you want to take away that control of the people. The people have the best control mechanism you ever want in the machinery that I am providing to them. They have a direct check rein upon their elected legislators...

SPEAKER MARVEL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT:....believe you me it can be and will be effective. But most of all we can rely upon our good friends of the media to see to it that if good ole Schmit votes for a fat raise the folks back home are going to know about it. They are going to be able to judge whether or not he earned it. They are going to be able to judge whether or not the other things he did are commensurate with his salary. I wish that more people read the Lincoln Star in my district. There were three copies sold there in Bellwood last week. Some itinerate peddler went through town. But in any case, in any case, I believe that this gives us the chance to stop hiding behind the bushel basket so to speak, come out in the open, tell the people straight out if you don't want us to do give us a chance and lets go from there. I ask that you support the amendment as the most honest method that has ever been proposed to this body.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit, Senator Reutzel wants to ask you a question, if there are no objections the Chair recognizes Senator Reutzel. You have already closed though.

SENATOR REUTZEL: I realize that. This is not printed in the Journal, correct?

SENATOR SCHMIT: It is not in the Journal, that is right.

SENATOR REUTZEL: Then I have to ask this because you have the only copy of the wording up there, is this the same wording that was proposed on the ballot in 1972 which got beat two to one?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Not to my knowledge, no.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion before the House is the Schmit amendment to the committee amendments to LB 99. All those