

years, Senator Kahle that thousandth year I will still be getting \$400 a month, or \$4,800 a year unless we could pass a bill to change the number of months in a year. But you see then we would only get more a year but we would still not get any more a month. So, maybe what we could do is change the definition of months. We ought to make a month in Nebraska have ten days. There is nothing in the Nebraska Constitution which says that a month has to be a calendar month of 30 days, 31 days or 28 days. The fact that already the calendar months have different numbers of days indicates that there is no definite number. So what I think we ought to do for purposes of pay, for compensation for the senators is to say that a month shall be made up of ten days. Then all we have to do is have whoever sends...whoever they send whatever they send them to get us a check, send that to those people every ten days and if the voucher or whatever it is is not honored, do like some judges down south did. Take it to court and get an order mandating that this requisition be honored and the checks be issued. Then we will be before the court and we can argue, in addition to the point that I made, that a month is ten days, that \$400 does not refer to actual dollars but purchasing power. In these days the purchasing power of \$400 actual dollars is considerably less than the amount that it was when that particular proposition was added to the Constitution. Don't think that what I am saying is ridiculous because the whole unreal discussion of senatorial salaries in a sense is ridiculous. I get weary I think of going through this year after year, time after time, but we have got to do it. There is no alternative. We can not increase our salaries by having people who pick up pop bottles and sell them give us the money because we can't get any additional compensation from any source based on being members of the legislature. I have said, and I mean it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That if the word salary appears in a constitutional amendment, the aim of the amendment could be to reduce our salary and the public would not accept that. They like to have the senators to kick around. But I have not heard a senator really because of that, say like Nixon, you won't have me to kick around any more. There are some who have been compelled to leave here because of a lack of salary, but I don't think I remember any of them who said they left because they didn't enjoy the work. I will support the bill, this exercise in futility, and we will bow our heads which will be bloody again this year, or whenever they vote on it and it will come right back next time and I will support it again.