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I have talked to a lot of people and the only reason they didn't vote for it two years ago they said, they didn't know what was behind it. They was concerned about the "hanky-panky", and this is plain talk. It is putting it to them plain. This hasn't been to them for four years. Two years ago, yes, last year I had this amendment and it got 24 votes on a Friday afternoon and I think to me there is only one way we are going to get anything across to the people in our district and that is plain talk. This has been my aim all the time that I have been here. It is plain reasoning with the people of this state. If this isn't your prerogative you will have to vote your own conviction. I think that this is the only way we are going to get something that the people will listen to. So, please take this under consideration.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Reutzel and Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR REUTZEL: Question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? The question is shall the debate cease. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate has ceased. Chair recognizes Senator Merz for purposes of closing.

SENATOR MERZ: Mr. President, members of the body, this is simply changing it to \$7,200 a year, or \$600 a month. It isn't very much, I know that it isn't very much but these people that we are dealing with out here are very sensitive to what we are doing or what our actions are. I think that we have to kind of follow our people and take what little we can get and hope that someday this will change, but I think that a lot of our goings on and such that take place at this floor kind of discourage people in what we are really set out to do. It is of concern to me, some of the actions that we take at times, some of the judgment that we use. So, what can we expect of our people if we don't show respect that we think that we are entitled to. So, to me I hope that you vote your judgment on this.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit do you wish to speak to the Merz amendment? Yours is the last light on.