

high turnover rate in this area, that time which could be spent in the professionalization of county sheriffs have to be spent in other occupations and pursuits, and also that they have found a mechanism for money raising which is certainly tortured in its application and that is the so-called bounty provisions of jailing in which they can receive a certain amount of money for the amount of time and for the expenses incurred in housing and feeding of prisoners. LB 628 faces up directly to that problem. It is a well studied measure and it is a measure which simply answers the problem of, number one, an inadequate salary, and number two, the demands of a very important, very complex job. Anyone who has to be familiar with the constitutional principles of search and seizure, of right to counsel, of the Miranda warnings has to have a professional background with training. LB 628 by statute allows us to do for sheriffs what we are not permitted to do for ourselves because of the constitutional inhibitions that we face and that is to treat them fairly, to give them a commensurate salary and training that is equivalent to the demands that they face on the job. It is one of the best pieces of legislation this year that is going to come out of the Government and Military Affairs Committee. I am wholeheartedly in support of it. I congratulate both the members of the sheriffs body and Senator Chambers for drafting this measure. It represents a quantum step forward for law enforcement in the State of Nebraska and I urge the quick advancement of LB 628 and make sure that we pass it this year. Thank you.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Vickers moves to amend the bill: Read Vickers amendment found on page 589 of the Legislative Journal. That is offered by Senator Vickers.

SENATOR NICHOL PRESIDING

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Vickers, may I please ask your cooperation, members of the Legislature. We have ten lights on and we have your names down in order. Now if you will turn your lights off and wish to speak to the Vickers amendment, then turn your lights back on but we do have your names in order, and if you would like to have that order I would read them to you, if anybody is interested. Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes, Mr. President, fellow members, I offer this amendment in all true honesty. I visited with Senator Chambers and in quite, being very frank, I am in thorough agreement with LB 628 and the intent of it. The