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on what they would be doing?

SENATOR KREMER: Based on the responsibility that they have, Senator Chambers, in these important issues, and as Senator Cope said, this is going to mean a lot to Nebraska whatever we do.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's...okay, I am sold. Members of the Legislature, I will support Senator Kremer's amendment, and I think the amount should be raised to that much and I hope that we will use the same philosophy and return to the public what they are entitled to as a refund on the sales tax in the same way we are doing on this bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Wagner.

SENATOR WAGNER: Mr. Speaker, members, I would support Senator Kremer and Senator Cope and Senator Chambers. These people on the Natural Resource Commission do have a tremendous load. They spend a lot of time, travel, and so forth, and I think only this bill here gives them a fair and just compensation for their work. I support that bill, 701.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Well, Mr. President, I yesterday stood on the floor here and supported an increase in salary bill for sheriffs, and some people were standing up here talking about taxpayers' revolts by increasing money and then today I hear some of the same people say, we need to do that. Now I am for this bill, but I want to know if there is really this taxpayer revolt and if we are going to have to evaluate it each of these times like this, or are we going to be in a position where people ought to be compensated, Senator Kremer, for doing a service to the state and ought to get that kind of remuneration. I am for the bill, also for giving the sheriffs their salary too, and I thought I would point out there may be some relationship to it in case anybody further down the road wants to make a speech on that issue.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion on LB 701? If not, Senator Kremer, you may close.

SENATOR KREMER: I certainly did not intend to get involved in the food tax refund or the sheriffs' fees. I think the bill stands on its own merits, and no closing, thank you.