

doubt could be redone. If it is felt that the bill does have the merit that various senators have stated on and off the floor, we should allow the bill to advance to Select File. At that point the number of amendments may not make as much difference because there is not the time constraint we operate under while we are on Special Order. So I am asking that you adopt Senator Vickers' amendment, defeat any other amendments, allow the bill to take a vote and advance, then if genuine amendments are offered on Select File, they will be considered. But I will tell you this, at no point will I make a motion to suspend the rules so that no amendments can be offered and so that no debate can occur. I don't want to railroad the bill. This is why I reached an accord with Senator Vickers. I hope you will have listened to what I have said and consider it reasonable.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment is by Senator Hefner and that may be found on page 591 of the Journal.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, you can find this amendment to LB 628 on page 591 of the Journal. This amendment says that the state shall, for the first year, and this is the first year only, pick up the difference between the minimum salary that is established in this bill, and the actual salary that the sheriffs are getting on January 1st, 1983. And let me make this perfectly clear, I am not against raising the salaries of the sheriffs, but I think we have got to realize and wonder how the counties are going to raise enough money to pay for this, and the difference of the median current salaries and the proposed salaries as is in this bill is over fifty percent. Now Senator Chambers has said there will be an amendment to lower this a little bit. I have not figured the percentage if this salary is lowered. I realize that this does not take effect until January 1st, 1983, but I think this time will be here before we know it. Just say, for instance, that the sheriffs get a seven percent increase in salary a year, then percentage of this raise, of course, would be lowered. So the impact to the counties won't be quite as great as if we would say that this bill would take effect immediately. Again, this amendment says that the state shall for the first year pay the difference between the minimum salary established by this bill and actual salary the sheriffs are getting in January 1st of 1983. I believe that we should help the counties out on this program. If we want the sheriffs' salaries increased well then we should be willing to come up with a little money for them. Let's not mandate the counties and tell them how to do it and tell them