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LB 628

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of the Hefner amendment vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Senator Hefner. Record the vote.

CLERK: 15 ayes, 25 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion lost. The next motion. Senator Kahle has two motions. The Chair recognizes....okay, Senator Kahle has two amendments and then Senator Vickers. The Clerk will...

SENATOR KAHLE: Read number one.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment is offered by Senator Kahle and it is found on page 617 of the Journal. It strikes original sections 1 through 6, and...would you like me to read the whole thing, Senator, or will it confuse the people?

SENATOR KAHLE: Yes, go ahead and read it. Maybe they can follow it in their book if they would open it up to...

CLERK: Okay. It is on page 617 of the Journal. (Read the Kahle amendment number one.)

SENATOR KAHLE: Thank you.

CLERK: Page 617, yes, sir.

SENATOR KAHLE: I think most of you have guessed by now what we have done. We have taken out everything that pertains to the minimum salaries that would be set by the state of Nebraska, not only for the sheriffs but also for the other officers, officials of the county. I think it has been a mistake if we have had this in our statutes. I think it is a mistake and I think you voted just in the last two amendments that you are not willing to fund it from any other source but from the county. So I think the counties should have the say-so of what those salaries should be. I guess I am quite surprised at the sheriffs and that perhaps Senator Chambers who carried this bill...I would like to refer to page 2, line 18 in the bill, where it tells in counties of class 2 the county clerk, assessor, treasurer, superintendent, except a part-time superintendent, attorney, an appointive full time veterans' service officer, shall each receive a minimum annual salary of \$6,000. The new language is, the county sheriff shall receive a minimum annual salary of \$18,000. Now you talk about class discrimination and discrimination among county officials, and if I served in a county