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LB 628

CLERK: The next one is by Senator DeCamp.

SPEAKER MARVEL: We are on LB 628.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I thought Kahle had an amendment.

CLERK: I'm sure he does, but you had one ahead of his, Senator.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Well, I'll tell you what my amendment is and then you kind of think about it. I don't think the bill is going to fly in its present form. The big stumbling block, I think, is the salaries, and I guess I am concerned that this bill pass in some form because it has got one heck of a lot of pretty good things in it, and if the salary issue is the stumbling block, then maybe that is the place we ought to give a little in order to save the rest. But my good friend, Senator Chambers, kind of indicated what I could do with the amendment, anyway, and it had nothing to do with adopting it. So, I will tell you what the amendment does. It simply says the salaries in the bill are recommendations and suggested levels and it is up to the county board to finally decide whether they ratify or approve these when the time comes, and when the county board makes their decision they are to take into consideration the time, the difficulty of the job and so on and so forth, and at least give consideration to these, but they are not binding. That was, as I understood it, the big stumbling block. Now I know Senator Kahle had an amendment that I thought was going to come first where he was going to strike out the jailer's fees or something like that. I thought this was a reasonable kind of in between and still hold onto the bill. I am not sure whether to try the amendment or let Martin try his and test the water. The more I think about it, I will pull my amendment and let Martin test the water.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, your amendment is withdrawn. What is the next amendment?

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment is by Senator Kahle and it is on page 617 of the Journal.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members, as you know the other day we tried amendment number one and were not successful, so I cannot introduce that again. I had amendment number two drawn. After much consideration and looking at it, I think amendment number two will do generally what Senator DeCamp just mentioned. It leaves a lot more in the bill than number one did. It does strike the salary provisions,