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SENATOR CHAMBERS: I genuinely don't, because I asked about it with Senator Vickers and had I thought so I would have prepared an amendment and offered it at this time.

SENATOR MURPHY: Well, I guess along with trusting Senator DeCamp we are going to have to trust the Attorney General. I will be looking for that opinion with interest, Senator. Thank you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I am asking you, Senator Murphy, to trust me to make the motion not the Attorney General.

SENATOR MURPHY: I would much prefer that.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Is there a motion on the desk, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hefner moves to amend the bill. He moves to amend the Vickers amendment which was previously adopted which effectively the Hefner amendment would reduce each minimum salary amount by a thousand dollars.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I hate to hold you up through the noon hour here, but I feel this is very important. I feel that if we are going to go along with this bill, I think we need to reduce the salaries by a thousand dollars a year for each class of counties. I thought that the Kahle amendment was the way we should go, but the body voted it down and so now I would like to have you adopt this amendment. Just take a Class 3 county, for instance, the average pay of a sheriff in this county is approximately \$12,000 give or take a little. The bill, as amended, would raise this salary up to \$19,500, which is a terrific increase. My amendment would drop this back down to \$18,500, which I feel would be certainly a little better. I think we need to drop it further than that, but at least this would be another thousand dollars for each class of counties. Therefore, I would urge you to adopt this amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kelly, do you wish to speak to the Hefner amendment?

SENATOR HEFNER: I call the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? Once more, do I see five hands? Okay, do you

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