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SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, again I would rise to oppose the amendment, too, and essentially the same grounds as Senator Dworak has already indicated, the fact that there is substantial increase already and more importantly, it is the precedent that we probably would be backed into if this is approved. It has happened before. One agency doesn't seem so bad, there may be justification but you can rely upon as always is the case, that there will be two or three more with similar justification that will be added and I would suggest that rather than do that in this fashion, if that is the will of the body then you had better go through an interim period and really look at every agency that is similarly situated that such justification is possible and then do the whole thing at one time but piecemeal it seems to me is not a wise course and particularly in view of the fact of the substantial increase for salaries that are already contained in the budget for the State Patrol.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the Hefner amendment. I think that as I look at the salaries of the patrolmen over the country and in Nebraska and remember what our recent sheriff's bill had in it, I don't think we have increased their salaries too much by comparison. Of course the sheriffs didn't get theirs either yet but I think it is reasonable to think that we ought to pay at least a part of those expenses of those people. I don't think you can eat on \$50.00 a month, one meal a day. I don't think you can even come close but perhaps they can brown bag it part of the time or at least stop in once in a while for a snack. So I do support the \$50.00. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Hefner a question.

SENATOR HEFNER: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Hefner, wouldn't you describe your fiscal philosophy as being conservative?

SENATOR HEFNER: I would say most of the time I am conservative, yes.