

recognized on the committee amendments?

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President and members I am not on the committee but I would like to speak in favor of the amendment. I think that it is the only way we are going to get a salary raise. I'm not saying that we will get it even with this. But I think the voters, may buy this, may vote for it if they know exactly what they are getting. But I don't think that they are going to vote for some pie in the sky. I opposed the previous bill we have had because I didn't think it was good. I certainly support this at a set figure.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. LB 531. We are voting on the committee amendments to LB 531. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay on the adoption of the committee amendments Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion carried the committee amendments are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next thing I have on it is a motion to indefinitely postpone by Senator Wesely.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Chair recognizes Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, the motion to kill this bill is not a reflection of my desire not to see our salaries increased but in fact an interest on my part in the whole area of how best can we try to deal with the issue of senatorial salaries in the Nebraska Legislature. I have come to the conclusion that probably anything we come up with on this floor is not going to be very successful amongst the voters of the state, it seems any proposal that we put forth in the last twelve years has been defeated. So the thought was that perhaps there was another approach and that approach has been undertaken by the League of Women Voters and several other organizations to try and have a petition drive to place on the fall ballot in 1982 a salary increase for the senators in the Nebraska Legislature. That effort is now hanging in limbo, essentially, waiting for a decision by this body as to which direction we will take concerning salaries. My feeling is that we shouldn't have two bills. We should not take two approaches we should put one question on the spring ballot in the primary and we should leave to the people of the state the opportunity to place on the ballot in the fall of 1982 a proposal to increase our salaries and leave it in their