

May 21, 1981

LB 477A, 541

CLERK: Mr. President, (Record vote read. See pages 2182 and 2183, Legislative Journal.) 39 ayes, 6 nays, 4 present and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The bill is declared passed on Final Reading. The Clerk will now read on Final Reading LB 541.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion on the desk. Mr. President, Senator Warner would move to return LB 541 to Select File for specific amendment: The amendment would be the provision relating to \$100 a month for officers.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, short and quick, the motion is to return to remove the provision for the \$100 a month, as I recall, \$278,000, in the A bill, or \$273,000. I appreciate the merit of the proposal but I can add fairly decently and we are in deep trouble in terms of available receipts. I don't know what the consensus of the body is on expenditures but I want to at least provide an opportunity to defer this expenditure for this year, and in order to do that, I would need to strike the provisions for the \$100 a month that was provided by the floor amendment for the State Patrol.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I think we went through this the other day. What we are doing is providing \$100 a month expenses for a patrolman. Currently they are getting \$28 a month for expenses. Lately they have been forced to eat their noon meal away from home when they are on duty. As a result of this, I think if any of you have ever traveled, you know you don't do too much, you don't make too much profit on \$100 a month expense. These gentlemen who are forced to do this, no other employees that I know of under the employment of the State of Nebraska are compelled to do this. Secondly, these employees, the State Patrolmen are expensive people. It cost many thousand dollars as was brought out the other day to train these men the first two years, and with this small amount that we are giving them, I really think it is the thing to do. I think this is something we morally should be doing for these gentlemen. These are the people, and I understand there is a lady or two among us now, but anyway I think this is something that the State of Nebraska looks to, the organization of which they are proud, and we expect them to look nice, their uniforms clean. I don't think that \$100 is out of reason one bit. I really hope you object to Senator Warner's amendment