

SENATOR HIGGINS: Eight members on the Agriculture Committee, if you add the Speaker it is nine, the Chairman of the Exec Board, we are up to ten. I didn't get the point of sending 30 senators instead of 20. I mean if more is better, why don't we recess and all 49 of us go? I've always wanted to see the Smithsonian. I'd love to see the Senate. Seriously, what is the point?

PRESIDENT: No museum time on the trip.

SENATOR HIGGINS: No museum time, sorry about that. But I'm very serious about what is really behind this? How come suddenly we are up to 30 people?

SPEAKER NICHOL: I don't know if the magic number is 30, or 25, or 26. As far as I know I think about 26 have shown interest in it. Some of those members who have shown interest are very much interested in agriculture. I think...

SENATOR HIGGINS: Are they all agriculture senators?

SPEAKER NICHOL: For the most part, but there are a few that are not that wish to go. I think everybody in here is interested in agriculture, just as everybody is interested in problems having to do with the whole state. Senator Higgins, my only thought was that we would be cutting out at least some senators who are vitally interested in this who would feel that they could contribute to this. It is not my intention just to furnish a trip to Washington for fun because in planning this it is not all fun for me, I can guarantee, but I thought this was important enough to the state and to the area in the United States that anyone who wished to contribute in any way should have an opportunity to do so. That was my thinking and I want...

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. Chairman, could we have a little...I can't even hear Speaker Nichol.

PRESIDENT: You can't? Okay.

SENATOR HIGGINS: No.

PRESIDENT: Okay. (Gavel.) Order.