

SENATOR SIECK: My bill would have made it 25 but we reduced it to 15 again.

SENATOR HIGGINS: It would have raised it to 25...

SENATOR SIECK: Right.

SENATOR HIGGINS: ...and then reduced it to 15?

SENATOR SIECK: Yup. Yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: How...I don't understand that.

SENATOR SIECK: The committee amendments reduced it to 15.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Uh huh.

SENATOR SIECK: And so the bill now stands at 15. But what the bill does, it extends the amount of money that they can earn from \$600 to a \$1,000 per year for meetings that they attend at \$15.00 per meeting.

SENATOR HIGGINS: How often do they meet?

SENATOR SIECK: Well, that varies between the districts. Many of the members belong to different committees and those committees may meet several times a month. The regular board meetings generally are held once a month, their general board meetings.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Um hmm. Well, Senator Sieck, I don't think you are being unreasonable in light of the fact that the Nebraska Real Estate Commission gets \$100.00 a day to attend a meeting, plus they get to stay in a fancy hotel in Omaha or Grand Island, plus they get to eat the fancy meals in the hotel, plus they get mileage. I think you are very reasonable in this and I support your bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, Senator Nelson, please.

SENATOR NELSON: Yes, a question of Senator Sieck.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Nelson, just a moment, please. (Gavel.) Let's hold our conversation down, gentlemen. I am excluding the ladies because they are not making the noise. (Gavel.) Let's hold the conversation down, please. Thank