

those expenses remain for them at home. What is the market value of the services for Governor? What is the market value for being the chief executive officer of a billion dollar corporation? Is it \$40,000 a year? It certainly is not. All of the states surrounding us have a higher amount with the exception of one. Many of the public service commissions, boards of governance throughout this state have higher salaries. There are over a 140 University personnel with salaries higher than the Governor. Are the tasks that we ask from those people greater than the tasks we ask from the Governor? I think not. I am prepared to discount legitimately, reasonably, because it is public service, because there are benefits, the salary we should be paying to our chief executive officer in this state. But any reasonable discount factor off the market value of those services would still leave you a salary higher than the one that we currently pay or higher than the one that Senator Hefner offers to this body. It is shown in the relative amounts that we pay for the County Attorney in Douglas County, the Chancellor of the University of Nebraska, a number of the public attorneys throughout the state that are hired by local governments and by a 140 of the faculty and administration members of the University of Nebraska. Those people are not doing tasks more important, more sensible, more involved than the task of Governor. For that reason, I oppose the Hefner amendment because ultimately I intend to support an amendment sponsored by Senator Warner and myself that follow this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would also rise to oppose the amendment and suggest that the amendment that is following will be a more appropriate solution to the issue. There is really no need, I suppose, to repeat again the fact that whatever is done this session will be in place till January of 1991. It is a long spread. For example, had those constitutional officers' salaries been adjusted since 1979 just as the general salary policy has been over that period of time for state employees generally, why the salary of Governor would be in excess of 61,000 today and the other constitutional officers would have been in the vicinity of 48,000 compared to what they are today. The amendment that we will be offering a little later would move the Governor not till January of 1988, January 1 of 1988, to 60,000, and the