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SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes. If Senator Lynch, after this discussion is over, wishes to pursue the point, he would then have the prerogative of withdrawing this motion and moving to adjourn sine die at which point we would vote on that without further discussion.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Well that was another question I wanted to make. Senator Lynch kept saying recess. If we recess, then the special session is still in session and many of us will be coming down here or going outstate for committee hearings, but while the special session is in recess, those senators that travel two and three hundred miles to go to a committee hearing may not collect any mileage or any other expenses. Am I not correct?

SENATOR BEUTLER: You are correct, Senator Higgins, that if we recess the special session would still be...

SENATOR HIGGINS: Rather than adjourn?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Right.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I wonder how many senators would be willing to go to those committee hearings and spend that kind of money when their take-home salary is about...mine is \$313 a month and I don't buy any insurance or anything else. I've already been down here last week two different times without any remuneration. It sounds like a small item. The first two years I was here I never put in for any type of mileage or meals and I came down here several times each week to work, but at that time my husband was fully employed and I had an insurance agency. Since then I have sold the agency and he has retired. So I want to make sure, if they are going to recess, I also wonder about Senator Johnson's suggestion that the Revenue Committee get together and work during that recess. If we're going to work, why don't we stay right here where we are all together to exchange ideas. We can take a recess this afternoon and the Revenue Committee can go meet and the Agriculture Committee can go meet, Urban Affairs, all the committees can go meet and say, what do you think is best for each one of these different entities that we stand on a committee for? But once you recess and everybody scurries back to their hometown, some to begin campaigning, I'm sure, how much work is going to be getting done and how much information is going to be shared