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think it is, and it probably is. These new members are new here and they feel like we all felt when we first came here, and I presume over a period of time they may modify what they now think in relationship to the facts of life. But those things are going to have to find out for themselves and I think they shouldn't be accused of not doing what we can within a point of reason to give them the staff to do for them what they think is necessary to make them acquainted with what their problem is and what they want to attempt to do. I would hope that every member of this body would say something, we don't have much else to do anyway. But if you have an objections to this, now is the time to state it and not after the committee might have made up it's mind what to do, insofar as what it's going to cost I don't think anybody knows that, and I don't think it's important. The important thing are we going to get from what we spend what we think we are. This is a matter that the dollars are secondary and the help is paramount. I hope other Senators would get up on their feet and say something now rather than later, because the committee is for it, the council is forced with the problem which we're going to solve, but we think you are entitled to give us your opinion now, if you don't have an opinion, we'll exercise the prerogative and do what the majority of the committee apparently wants to do.

SPEAKER: There is a motion on the Clerk's desk.

CLERK: Mr. President I move that a written pole of the members be taken concerning the individual staff needs and desires both during and between sessions. This information to be gathered by Senator Savage's committee who shall then make a recommendation to the body as their conclusion from the pole.

SPEAKER: Any comments Senator Simpson.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President I would move to the adoption of the amendment and I have a feeling that we are not going to get the word out here on the floor from all the people over what they need or what they don't want. I think that if we have an individual written statement from the people as to their needs that it would be a lot easier to evaluate and see exactly what they were, and I sit probably in a little unique position that most of the people here don't, in that I have a research aide, I have a young lady who has been assigned to me from last September through next May, and I have to keep her busy 20 hours a week doing things, and she has been very valuable to me. There is no cost to the State, she's paying the bill because she is working toward a graduate degree at the University of Nebraska while she is doing this. And I'm sure that what I have would be invaluable especially to some of the new members who are attempting to keep up with the flow of bills and the, all of the reports we get from departments and so on, and I really think it's necessary that they should get down in writing what they need and then we could have this committee of Senator Savage's evaluate it and let us know what the individuals want.

SPEAKER: I have several Senators asking for the floor, I'll call on them in the order that they pressed their buttons. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. Chairman and members of the legislature, for the last several years, the committee on Agriculture has had a young person work as a research person for us. They have been law students and they have been excellent individuals, everyone of them. They performed a lot of leg work for us, and they do an excellent job and they do it at a reasonable cost. Right now we have a young man who has done a tremendous amount of work for the committee, he's done a lot of work for me and I really