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SPEAKER: Are there any objections to Senator Carpenter's withdrawing his amendments?

SENATOR CARPENTER: I guess, think this body ought to understand and I for what ever it is worth, I think we should pay a man of his caliber somewhere around the area of forty five thousand dollars, and I'd like to make that a part of the intent of my conversation so that nobody is going to be shocked if the board of health finds it necessary to pay somebody forty five thousand dollars in order to assume this responsibility.

SPEAKER: The Chair sees no objections, so his amendment is withdrawn, Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Mr. President, I'd like to ask Senator Warner a question?

SPEAKER: Senator Warner will you yield?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.

SENATOR KENNEDY: First I'd like to say that I do feel that we do have in the legislature an opportunity to vote on this, the budget committee does, but we asked the question in the committee about what the intent would be for the salary of Doctor Smith now, and we didn't get a question, but I notice that the fiscal impact is stated here, how was that arrived, can you answer that, Senator Warner?

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Kennedy as I read it, the impact suggests that had the limitation not been in effect than, had the five percent factor been applied to this salary the past three years, the net increase would have been five thousand dollars. The statement seems to be based upon what would have happened in the past, if the statutory limit had not been near it, assuming that the salary would have been increased five percent, you see it's a series of assumptions which the personal limitation in the budget bill could remain still at the thirty thousand level.

SENATOR KENNEDY: You have no indication then that this will be raised to thirty five thousand, I'm wondering what will happen to the rest of the employees that didn't get a raise accordingly in the four year bracket? You don't have any indication as far as actual facts what the salary might be (inaudible).

SENATOR WARNER: To my knowledge Senator Kennedy no one has talked in terms of what increase might be made, again it would be entirely in the hands of the legislature as far as what is placed in the budget bill.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Thank you.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, and members of the legislature, as I go along with the committee that studies administrative departments quite a little bit, I would have a question of the legislature, if, and I consider it to be a very serious question, in the matter of the administrators and the heads of department. Is it really necessary and I'm not speaking against Dr. Smith or anybody else, is it necessary that an administrator of a department be an expert in that particular field? I noticed in our insurance department we are not headed by an insurance man, we have always been headed by a lawyer, and in my experience since Burney Stone twenty years ago on up, this has just been a stepping stone to a job someplace with some with some large insurance company, and I'm not being critical of the head of the insurance department, it's a fact that this happens. It becomes quite aware to me that these experts should