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PRESIDENT: Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Vince you had said that it was the other amendment I guess, you meant the Games and Parks. This would be a continuation of Senator Barnett's amendment in which it would say the 28 employees that do the same type of law enforcement in the state of Nebraska and are responsible for arrests in connection with dangerous drugs would have the same classification and would stay abreast with the officers in the state patrol. The amount of money that we are talking about here is negligible and it would keep them on an even keel and pay them for the very hazardous duty that they do in the field of law enforcement. It would include the 28 members who are state officers of the state conservation corp.

PRESIDENT: Senator Proud, did you wish to be recognized? OK, any further discussion of the Mahoney amendment? Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I just want to ask, does the Governor approve of this, and his frugal application public money?

PRESIDENT: Senator Mahoney, do you care to respond?

SENATOR MAHONEY: Is that a question Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Yes.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Senator Carpenter my answer to that would be this. This is Senator Mahoney's idea and I did not go to the Governor nor did I ask for approval and so this is further proof that I am not one of those horsemen.

SENATOR CARPENTER: And you are sure that if he won't veto it because it is in there.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Only the Lord and the Governor knows that answer Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Mr. President, I don't want to get....I'm for Senator Mahoney's amendment, but I want to discuss the amendment that Senator Barnett put in there. It would only take a few minutes. I have talked with the members of the association representing the higher patrol and this is the same area of application. What they wanted to raise the classification of the patrolman one grade. Which after 5 years service would raise their salary as I remember about \$90 a month. I asked them a direct question, does Col. Krueger support this amendment. They said yes, but he won't give us a letter to that effect but a...a...because he does not want to get involved in that account. I ask them does the front office on the a...a...understand that and he said that they think that they do because Col. Krueger is the head of the patrol. All I am trying to say my friend is this. I'm in concurrence with Senator Barnett's program. But here is a Chief Executive of this state and the Col. of the highway patrol who has to stoop to underhanded means in order to have us take the responsibility of what the front office wants but they won't say so in the form of a communication indicating their position. This is going to cost quite a deal of money and under that kind of leadership my friends where is always attempting to I a dare anybody to say what I say was not true he tried to put on our backs what he doesn't want to take the responsibility for what? For just political reasons he is trying