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Now I think we need an organization to try to hold down the costs of county government. That is against the county officials. It's just the opposite. They're doing just exactly the opposite of what I thought they'd do. All they're doing is padding their pockets, that is the County Officials Association which includes Mr. Runke.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Could I ask somebody that's familiar with the bill a question?

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR BARNETT: Well, I heard Senator Dickinson say something and it bothers me. I don't know if he hasn't read the bill or if I haven't read it.

PRESIDENT: No response.

SENATOR DE CAMP: He has.

SENATOR BARNETT: He said something about it was a raise for state senators and I understand the bill to say it's for state employees.

SENATOR DE CAMP: That's correct.

SENATOR BARNETT: Which we set salaries for and which we set everything else for and so I don't see why he's so concerned about this public hearing on a state mileage rate that we pay to everybody and it doesn't say just senators, does it?

SENATOR DE CAMP: No...it's state employees, it doesn't even...we already passed the bill remember for the county employees. All we're doing is equalizing things.

SENATOR BARNETT: And we are responsible for this budget item anyway, aren't we?

SENATOR DE CAMP: Yes.

SENATOR BARNETT: Well, I think Senator Dickinson ought to read the bill then.

SENATOR DE CAMP: I assumed it was completely non-controversial and I just turned the bill over to the committee to balance out because they had a shortage of time. So if you want to operate at half of what the other people get paid in the state for mileage, that's fine.

PRESIDENT: The point of order and then Senator Mahoney. The rules provide that when a bill is substantially changed, the Speaker can refer to committee. The Speaker's not going to do that...because that's give...in this time situation... give the Speaker power to kill the bill. Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Senator Proud and Mr. President. We had this bill in committee and it had hearing and it was well discussed. With 55¢ a gallon gas, I don't know how the Legislature is going to operate any different than the other state employees. This is a good bill. This bill ought to be passed. This amendment is part of it. There's no use in shortchanging ourselves. You can't go anywhere with