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SENATOR FITZGERALD: Yes, Senator Mills.

SENATOR MILLS: They are paid a per diem?

SENATOR FITZGERALD: Yes.

SENATOR MILLS: And expenses?

SENATOR FITZGERALD: Yes. If you look at here, I have the records right here....

SENATOR MILLS: Well one more question Senator Fitzgerald. I heard that there is a new Commissioner that may be appointed. Do you know how many people would like to have that job? Were there more than one applicant?

SENATOR FITZGERALD: I know of three. I think that the Governor made a fine appointment today.

SENATOR MILLS: I'm sure Senator Fitzgerald that that is true. Thank you Senator Fitzgerald. I have some concern, I certainly know that those Game Commissioners do a great job for the State of Nebraska. Senator Dworak does raise a good point, however, that there are many inequities of commissions across the state and of course most of those commissions do for example the Investment Council, a number of them they raise some of them are paid more per diem, others are paid less. I think that he raised a good point. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Reutzel.

SENATOR RETUZEL: Mr. President, members of the body. Senator Dworak says that the commissioners are being flown to these meetings. I doubt very seriously, Senator Dworak, if we have a state plane as you allege skipping across the state picking up eight or nine commissioners however many there are and flying them back to these meetings. You make that ascertainment but yet you don't know, you don't know who is picking them up, you don't know which plane, who is flying them, I think that it is conjecture and I hope that the body doesn't make their decision on the conjecture of one individual. Also, if you would listen to Senator Dworak you would think that because we voted on this once and as you will recall it was during a time of a lot of amendments to a lot of bills. People were tired, we had people come in off the floor that didn't know what the arguments were when they were voting. It was only one vote short and to listen to Senator Dworak you would think that Senator Dworak never made a motion to reconsider something that he had lost. I would hope that the body would really look at the facts of the situation and find out if these people are in need of the raise in per diem, \$15 a day I think is the lowest of any commission. I know that there are people on that commission that I have talked to that have spend quite a deal of time working with commission and quite a bit of their own money to serve on that commission. I think that it is only right that we make up part of that. I would hope that the body would adopt the Cullan motion. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members of the body I support the Cullan motion. I think that anyone who leaves home and

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