

SENATOR NICHOL: No, I wanted that left in.

SENATOR NEWELL: So, you're saying that there would be a \$35 per diem plus expenses?

SENATOR NICHOL: Yes sir.

SENATOR NEWELL: Okay. Well, I had some ideas of my own about this particular area and I again would try to help in my capacity but I do have some concern when looking at it as some voters have expressed their ideas to me in that they are distrustful of government and they're distrustful of some of us or Congress. They cannot disseminate between the Legislature and Congress and they see those expenses continually rising in Congress and so I have some concerns. I'm very much in favor of a per diem but I have some concerns about when you leave that expense area open and I'm not sure that that might not even defeat your area but I would certainly support whatever you think.

PRESIDENT: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Do you have an amendment, Mr. Clerk?

PRESIDENT: All right. Read the amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President Senator Simon moves to amend the Nichol motion to have the expenses per diem only on Legislative days. Expenses and per diem only on Legislative days.

SENATOR SIMON: Mr. President, this clarifies, I think, what Senator Nichol wanted and I don't think any discussion needs to be made on this.

PRESIDENT: Senator Newell, do you wish to discuss the amendment? The amendment to the amendment?

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, I do. Mr. President, members of the body, while we're trying to find here appropriate expense arrangements that will last for how ever long that it is an appropriate expense arrangement, I would like to remind the body that the...we will have the same problem with this amendment as we have with the present \$400 salary. If we do not change the salary, we do not make other adjustments, this \$35 a day will be the standard for as long as it remains in the Constitution. The problem we're going to have is that some day it's going to be inadequate. Right now I think it's adequate enough but the problem is if you put anything in there in terms of dollar amounts, you'll live to regret it as we have in the case of the salary in the first place. I would urge you to either strike the specific dollar amount or a....I would urge you to strike the specific dollar amount because you're just creating a problem down the road.

PRESIDENT: Senator Luedtke, do you wish to speak to the amendment to the amendment?

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Yes, Mr. President, I will. I think