

when the vote is being called for. You just lay it on the line. Now the press is great about talking about honesty in politics. Well here is a chance for them to say something about honesty in politics. I doubt that they will very much because they really don't want that much honesty. They prefer their own brand which is tell it like we think it is. But that is all right because there will be some other member of the press who will tell it like he sees it and by the time you get through, the mix is going to come out all right. I think that we have got to realize that the people of this state are adult enough to know that in so far as salaries are concerned there is some credibility, in allowing the body that can establish every other kind of salary, that can spend 600 million dollars a year, that can inflict cost upon business, industry, labor and everybody else to the tunes of billions of dollars. There is some reason to believe that that body has got enough common sense to establish a salary that is fair. If that amendment should pass, and should be approved by the voters, I don't think that there are very many people in this body who are not willing to stand up here and say we will vote a certain salary and go home and tell the people okay, that was it. If you want to be honest about the whole salary question, this is the way to do it. Very frankly that has been said here before you can pay this body a dollar a year or you can pay them \$25,000 a year and it is not going to make much difference in the membership. The same people are still going to run for office. In fact, you are going to get a completely different point of view from one set of group one year than you will from the same set of group, the same set a year later. But we just as well stop fooling around. Let the people know what we are going to do, take the responsibility for our actions and be done with it. Senator Lewis has said the same people who will say that you have got to many bills are standing there. We didn't mention LB 498, which the press is very much in favor of because they think the public's right to know is most important, the public's right to know is very important as long as somebody buys and pays for the space. I think that is fair enough because along with being a public institution they are private enterprise and we want them that way and the day the press doesn't make money we are going to have a government controlled press and that will be a sad day for all of us. I happen to agree with the people who oppose 498, I don't think we want that bill. But I think that it behooves us then to stand up and say number one yes. If you adopt this amendment, the Legislature will set their own salary and if you think that Loran Schmit or Elroy Hefner or Dave Newell is over paid and they did wrong to vote for that on the floor