

for that salary, hire somebody else. If you think that there are other actions on the floor do not over shadow what you are being paid, throw him out. There will be another two or three or a dozen guys that will want to run for the office, and some gals. That is fine. But lets not have the monkey business every few years talking about well what will the public buy. The public wouldn't care less. The public wouldn't give a darn if we worked for nothing. The interesting thing is that you can spend 600 million dollars a year down here and you think that the public is concerned because we get \$400 a month? I'll tell you what. I don't hire very many people but the best people that I ever hired, the best buy I ever got were the people I paid the most money to. I have a theory. I pay them well, I work them hard and I fire them if they don't work hard, but I never had to do that because they work well. I think that works the same way here. So lets give the people a chance to say, yes or no. If you have got enough confidence in your legislator to let him sit down here and vote upon your lives, your money, your businesses then you sure ought to have enough confidence in letting him vote upon his own salary. Putting the monkey where it belongs, right on our own back. If you can find any fault with that, the only fault that I can find is weak knees and the lack of backbone. I think that Senator Chambers can draw some appropriate cartoons to take care of that. This amendment ought to be adopted, it ought to pass and it ought to go on and be placed upon the ballot and the people ought to pass it. If they don't, then as far as I am concerned I don't care if I ever vote on another salary issue. But then I am older than most of you. I ask, Mr. President, I ask the amendment be adopted.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch, do you wish to speak to the Schmit amendment?

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I am not going to second guess Senator Schmit's strategy, but we voted on 557 this morning, I think it was legislative salaries and I was one of the few who did not vote to honor it. The body had an opportunity to make a position on a dollar a year or donate it to the favorite charity, the State of Nebraska. Senator Lewis speaks about many of us would serve for a dollar a year and other considerations. The committee spent a considerable amount of time on this piece of legislation listening to those that had ideas about how the legislature could increase its salary. This was not one of the issues that they talked about, that Senator Schmit