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good reason for keeping the salaries down. Did you ever consider that? When you put salaries, any figures, in statutes, I think we are running a great risk of doing more damage than we do good.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hoagland, do you wish to speak to the Vickers amendment?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I rise, Mr. Speaker and colleagues, to express opposition to the amendment offered by my distinguished colleague, Senator Vickers. I agree with Senator Vickers ninety-eight percent of the time and hate to oppose his amendment but I am a very, very strong believer in the importance of this particular bill. I worked in the criminal justice area myself for three years and I think that law enforcement officers impact on the lives and on the civil rights of our citizens more than any other county official can. I think it is exceedingly important for our society to have as high quality people in those positions as we possibly can get. I think that inflation will shortly catch up with these salary schedules, if in fact they are slightly high at this time, and I don't think they are slightly high at this time, but if anybody has a concern about that, I think in days of eleven, twelve or thirteen percent inflation, that difference is going to be eroded very, very quickly. I think we all agree that the measure of society, one of the most important measures of society is how effectively and how well and with what kind of dignity it deals with people who are charged with crime, and I think when we have low paid county officials in very important law enforcement offices around the state, we are simply inviting that our citizens not be treated with the kind of dignity and the kind of competence they are entitled to. I am a strong believer in this legislation and I would urge this body to defeat the Vickers amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Sleck, do you wish to speak to the Vickers amendment? We have two more speakers and I assume they want to talk to the Vickers amendment. Then we will have a vote on the Vickers amendment and that is as far as we are going to get with this bill this morning. Senator Sleck.

SENATOR SIECK: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, I stand to support Senator Vickers on his amendment because I see some great danger of telling our county commissioners here you have got to pay more money. I just had a call from my county commissioners this morning and they said here you

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