

as an official and this sort of a bill was passed by the Legislature, I couldn't help but feel that it was certainly a slap in the face, because I feel that that certainly has not been worked out very well. I am certainly not in favor of the state of Nebraska setting the salaries for county officials, and most of you know or all of you should know by now, I have repeated it often enough, I was a county official for eight years, and you also know that I am a very strong advocate of local control, and I just cannot see us sitting in this body telling the counties how to run their counties. I am not against the sheriffs. I think they should have more money than they are getting. I understand some thirty of them have quit this year. That ought to be warning enough to the county boards that they need to get the salaries up or do something else. One other thing I might repeat, I think we all hear time and again, well, they knew what the salary was when they ran. That is our...what they tell us when we complain a little bit. So I think the salary needs to be set by the county and if they can't get anybody to fill the job, they will have to raise the salary. I'm not trying to starve anybody out. I think the sheriffs should have a fair salary and it should be more than the other county officials, because they risk their neck and they have to have a lot more training. I am not against the training in the bill. I think it is important. I am not against the language in the bill that talks about feeding the prisoners. I think this is long overdue, but I believe the sections that I mentioned, generally the first 5, I believe it is, should be left out completely and the salary set by those that pay the bill, the county board and those citizens of that county. I don't believe there is a thing else I could say that would do more to promote this bill, because I feel very strongly about it. I think we are out of our league. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Murphy, do you wish to speak to the Kahle amendment number one?

SENATOR MURPHY: Chances are I won't make it home. Radcliffe bought my share of a ticket on the bus and he is out here, and he is a very nice young man and I had the pleasure of knowing his father but it doesn't change the situation that we find ourselves in when we start laying down mandates which we revile at so strongly when Washington, D.C., does the same thing. Hopefully there is a better way to achieve what these men need and deserve, but I look at Arthur County with six hundred people and my computation is if they pay their share of \$12,000, each of those people, men, women and children are going to be assessed \$20.00 a head. If you go to Omaha and assess everybody \$20.00 a head, you are going to pay the