

to you today, let's let local government do it. Let's let the county board do it. Here we on the one hand, and when I say "we" I say the Legislature says to these counties, you have a seven percent lid limit to live under. Here on the other hand we say, raise these county sheriffs. If we raise the salaries of the county sheriffs we will also have to raise the...to be fair, raise the salaries of the other county officials. In my particular area, I feel that the county boards are doing a good job. If the sheriffs need help, I am sure that they will try and help them out. The other day we passed the Vickers amendments which reduced the salaries by \$1500 a year apiece, and I think this was a step in the right direction, but I would just as soon let the county boards set the entire salary. Parts of this bill are good and we need to keep it that way. I think somebody mentioned an interim study on the sheriffs' salary and I would sure be in favor of that too. But again I say to you, let's let the local government take care of the salary increase.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers, do you wish to speak to the Kahle amendment number two?

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes, I do, Mr. President. Mr. President and fellow members, first I would like to ask Senator Kahle a question if I may.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle, do you yield? Senator Vickers wants to ask you a question.

SENATOR KAHLE: Yes.

SENATOR VICKERS: Senator Kahle, do you feel that the county officials are treating the sheriffs on an equal basis with the other county officials in regard to the number of hours that they spend and the nature of their jobs as far as salary is concerned?

SENATOR KAHLE: I would guess, Senator Vickers, that most of them are. Some of them are probably not.

SENATOR VICKERS: Do you know of any county officials other than sheriffs across the State of Nebraska within the last year or two that have resigned for reasons other than for health reasons?

SENATOR KAHLE: Yes, there a number. I don't have the figures. Probably not as many as sheriffs.

SENATOR VICKERS: Okay, thank you. Fellow members, I think