

we should look at first of all the job that the sheriffs do, the nature of their duties. Senator Kahle says that there are other county officials that have resigned because of other reasons than health and I certainly would not argue with him on that. I am not familiar with any, however. But I am familiar with some sheriffs that have resigned simply because they could not afford to operate under the salary that they were getting for the job that they had to perform. I think us as members of the Legislature should be able to sympathize with that position. To me this one county official's job is not comparable to the other county officials. I would defy anybody to call up their county clerk at 6:00 o'clock on a Saturday evening and expect them to come, or expect them to respond to the phone call. They are going to tell you they will see you Monday morning after 9:00 o'clock. I don't think too many county sheriffs would do that. At least, they better not, if they intend to remain as county sheriff. I realize the problems that the property taxpayers have in the State of Nebraska, and I sympathize. I also sympathize with the county officials and the fact that they are operating under a lid and we are mandating some salaries to them. But I would remind this body that these county officials had they have provided the salaries in comparison to the jobs, we probably wouldn't be mandating it. As most of you know, I would like to have the mandating...the amounts a little lower, but I think there are a lot of good things in 628. I would also agree with Senator Chambers. The Governor has got his job to do, and we have got our job to do. Personally, I could care less whether he wants to veto something or not. I guess what I am saying is, I don't tell the Governor how to vote and I don't expect the Governor to tell me how to. It would seem to me that the rest of this body should follow that same procedure. If the county officials want to have a study of this problem, that is fine with me. I think they should have the study. Remember this date that we are putting in here is not until 1983. Considerable changes are going to take place probably between 1983. We are not mandating that they are going to raise these salaries next year.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have thirty seconds.

SENATOR VICKERS: I think the point is well made, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

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

SENATOR LAMB: Kahle amendment.