

things that is really galling them now, that we come with a bill that mandates or may not mandate. I think most counties are paying more than the minimum salary suggested. So that is really not an issue. I still think the issue is whether we as state senators are going to set here or stand here and talk and vote to take away that power which should be theirs. Now whether they are doing a good job or not I am not up here to tell you, and I am sure that many of our constituents would tell us we are doing a darn poor job. So I am not here to argue that, but I still think that this bill, if passed, will open the gate to many, many more officials from over the state, not only from counties but also from cities, that are going to come in to the Legislature and say, hey, it worked for the sheriff, let's try it for ours, and I would like to ask Senator George if he would be as happy if we decided to set a minimum for the city officials in Blair, Nebraska, which we could do just as easily. So I think we are talking about the main issue being, who has the authority in our counties, and who has the authority in the State of Nebraska to cram down whatever they want to to those elected officials back home. I really don't believe that we are hurting the sheriffs that much, and I guess I don't want to threaten, but if we can't get the salary part off of it and my amendment doesn't work, I will have to vote against the bill and I think there is a great amount of it that is needed. So I would hope that with the promise I made...somebody said, "trust me", that we are going to study this thing to see how bad these people are being treated in the counties before this bill would ever go into effect. I would hope that you would support the amendment, move along with what would help the sheriffs' departments over the State of Nebraska for the next couple of years and let all the county officials have a chance to have us scrutinize their salaries and not just the sheriffs. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Kahle amendment number two found on page 617 of the Journal. All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker, I hate to do this but I will have to ask for a Call of the House and at least some call-in votes for the present.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Call of the House has been requested. The question before the House is, shall the House go under Call? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record the vote.