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diem that state troopers receive?

SENATOR HEFNER: I don't think it does, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I agree with you. Thank you, Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Is that the last question?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, it is. Thank you. Members of the Legislature, I think very highly of the State Patrol. As a matter of fact, I think it is probably the premier law enforcement agency in the state but I believe we ought to develop and evolve a philosophy relative to how we are going to compensate those who carry out the responsibilities of law enforcement and since on the sheriff's bill I detected in this body, a reluctance to spend money for law enforcement, it is difficult for me to see those same people who are fiscal conservatives attaching what you might call a "slush fund" for the State Patrol when they are getting a salary increase every year but they can't see the validity of giving an increase in another area of law enforcement where perhaps none will ever occur and the law does not require any to occur. Because of what Senator Warner has stated and Senator Dworak has stated, it probably is best that instead of tacking something on like this so late in the game it would be better to review the condition of all state employees and see if there is going to be the adoption of a per diem for employees situated in a certain fashion and if that becomes the philosophy, it is easy then to find those classifications or categories of employees that fit into it rather than cutting out one group and saying that even though others may be situated they will not receive the same consideration. So at this point I am going to have to follow the lead of Senators Dworak and Warner.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, fellow colleagues, gee it was sure good to hear Senator Chambers stand up and say good things about the State Patrol. It makes me feel good. Thank you, Senator Chambers. He alluded to some other field being...we conservatives wouldn't vote for the salary increase. I would like to call the attention of the body that although the sheriff up around Broken Bow resigned due to the salary, five people applied for the position. So evidently the salaries aren't too low up in that part of the woods. Number three, on the sheet that is passed