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body that have been suggesting that those of us who live farther west have more expenses, therefore raising the salary would not be fair because those that are close and live here in Lincoln and the eastern third of the state would, therefore, make more money. I would remind you that it is true that all men are created equal but from that point in time I think that is where the equality ends. There are differences. Sure it costs me more money to live down here than to drive back and forth, but I, for one, having served on the board that did get paid expenses can realize that expense accounts can be manipulated, can be misused to a great extent, and I think the people of the State of Nebraska would be better served to pay us a figure, whatever the figure might be, whatever either they chose or their elected representative chose, and have that figure apply to everybody.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have a minute left.

SENATOR VICKERS: That way those of us that have more expenses will just simply make less money out of it. This is not supposed to be a money making occupation, and I don't think any of us in here will raise that figure to where we would be making unlimited amounts of money. But I don't particularly like expense accounts unless there is a strict limit on that expense account and I guess I can see this body not putting that strict limit on expense account much quicker than I can seeing them raise the salary to an unlimited amount. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President and members, I agree with Senator Schmit and considerably what Senator Vickers has said. I don't think there is a chance in the world of this Legislature getting a raise other than the set figure, and I looked over for proof this folder that Senator Johnson put out this morning. In 1952 there was a \$1250 limit and it was in dollars, spelled out. In 1960 there was \$2400, and in 1968 it was \$4800. In the meantime we had one, two, three elections for something other than a straight dollar figure and they lost. And I think they will continue the loss. People don't trust government. And there isn't a person in this room, I doubt, that has complained bitterly because the federal government can set their expenses and their salaries. Right? You betcha I'm right. We complain about that and then we expect the public to let us set our salaries or our expenses in the case it is in the bill that was