

I would like to ask Senator Chambers a question if he would yield. Senator Chambers, some of the senators that I have been talking to are very much in doubt about the expenses that would be shown on reports, whether we do it monthly or whatever, because of the fact they are afraid there might be some abuse but I notice that you do have a minimum on what you send in as a trial and wouldn't it be possible then to set a limit for expenses if you were successful in your court case?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Certainly, Senator Labedz, and in the court cases in other states where expenses have been allowed the court has said that if at any time what is claimed as an expense is so out of line with what it actually costs a person to carry out his or her duties, that will be viewed as an increase of salary and struck down by the court. So not only do we have an internal control on it, the courts would be there and nobody would be able to claim excessive expenses. What happens in the interim for most of us has been an indication of how these expenses can be controlled by legislation.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Senator Chambers, and I personally have faith in the members of the Legislature that there would not be an abuse and if we fixed it at a per diem basis and I am sure that that can be done according to what Senator Chambers said, then I urge the members of the body to support Senator Chambers in his motion to override the Governor's veto of LB 206.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President and members, I strongly oppose overriding the Governor. Think this over. What about the people in your district? What about you personally? Are you satisfied with the Congress in setting their own salaries and their own expenses? I think I probably heard everyone in this room complain bitterly that they have this ability and that they are much, much too high. You can very well be sure that your constituents think this, at least the ones I have talked to over the years and we are going to be in the same position and you better think about that because this is in the Constitution that they set the salaries. And this is a right they have, right or wrong, and we had better consider that. If we want this privilege we better have them vote it in. I strongly oppose trying to bring this back on an override.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. President, fellow senators, Senator