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SENATOR HIGGINS: This is the amendment to which committee amendment?

SENATOR CLARK: This is the Wesely amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR HIGGINS: And the committee amendment addresses itself to what?

SENATOR CLARK: Addresses itself to the salaries.

SENATOR HIGGINS: All of them?

SENATOR CLARK: Yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Including Public Service Commission? Yes, then I do want to speak to that.

SENATOR CLARK: All right. Senator Vickers, did you want to talk to the amendment to the committee amendments? Senator Goodrich, did you want to talk to the amendment to the committee amendments?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes, Mr. President. Mr. President and members of the body, I rise in opposition to the Beutler-Wesely amendment to the committee amendment. I personally think the committee did a good job of amending the particular bill that we have got in front of us. I wholeheartedly support the committee amendment and I oppose the Beutler-Wesely amendment to the committee amendment and what they are proposing to do, for the sake of those that may not have caught it, was to strike the provision of a car, a state car, for each of the constitutional officers, that they could have on a twenty-four hour basis. The committee amendment puts in a provision in there that they must keep rigid records. They must only use it for state business. Now, I would suggest for example, that there are many times for example, when a constitutional officer and especially the state Treasurer, needs to have a car other than straight daytime business hours. The Secretary of State does an awfully lot of traveling around the state to confer with, to handle recount type proposals, to handle every conceivable type of speaking engagement. They all have speaking engagements that take them out of Lincoln at night. The Treasurer, for example, during the course of the committee hearing on this thing, the public hearing, related to us for example, something that we would rather not make public but he does on occasion, for example, have bank deposits to deliver and that can entail large sums of money. We will just put it that way. The car that he actually is driving is an old model car and I think frankly, we do not want a state Treasurer out making a delivery of a