

SENATOR VICKERS: Very briefly, Mr. President. Mr. President and members, I just again point out to the members of this body that last year we raised these salaries from \$20,000 to \$25,000 and in spite of what people are saying on this floor that we can only do it so many years, we did it last year. It might not have taken effect right away but if we are going to pass a bill every year to give them a couple of thousand dollars, you know, what is that old saying, a few million here and a few million there and after a while it adds up. Pretty quick you are talking about big money and I guess the same logic could be used here. A couple of thousand dollars here and a couple of thousand dollars there doesn't really amount to a whole lot, remembering also that we are not taking any cars or any fringe benefits away from the Public Service Commission. If you will read the rest of the statute that we are dealing with here, they do get mileage. They get their expenses paid and if I understand it correctly they also have the use of the state vehicles. So I think there are some other benefits that are attributable to that job. It just seems to me that if we raise one of our employees, one of the public employees salary \$5,000 one year, coming right back the next year and asking for another \$2,000 is being a little bit much. So I would urge the body's adoption of this amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the adoption of the Vickers amendment. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted on the adoption of the Vickers amendment? Once more, have you all voted on the Vickers amendment? Record the vote.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 6 ayes, 16 nays on adoption of the Vickers amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR CLARK: The amendment failed. We are back on the committee amendments. Do you have any more amendments? The committee amendments. Senator Kahle, did you wish to close on the committee amendments?

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, I move that we adopt the committee amendments as amended on LB 488.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted on the committee amendments? Record the vote.