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CLERK: 26 ayes, 3 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the committee amendments as amended.

SENATOR CLARK: On the bill itself, Senator Goodrich. The committee amendments are adopted.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the body, the committee amendments now become the bill. What it is, is salary adjustments for the constitutional officers, salary adjustments for the Public Service Commissioners and I might also add that there isn't a neighboring state to Nebraska that does not pay more than \$30,000. For example, South Dakota offer their Public Service Commissioners pay \$30,000; Kansas, \$37,500, will go to \$44,000 July 1, '81; Iowa, \$35,300; Minnesota, \$36,000; Wyoming, \$32,446; Colorado, \$44,000, so what we are doing is we are adjusting the salaries by about an average of 7% annually for the constitutional officers, public service officers. We have now stricken the cars off of it. I mention that we can only do this every four years, for constitutional officers, every six years for Public Service Commissioners. There is no fiscal impact for this bill this year. The first fiscal impact will come in '82-'83 and there will be about \$40,242, just round that out since we lumped off the cars, we reduced that a little. For that reason, since we have discussed the committee amendments thoroughly, it is the bill, I move the bill be advanced.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Higgins, on the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Would Senator Goodrich yield to some questions, please?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Senator Goodrich, how much rent does the Governor pay on the mansion?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Not a whole heck of a lot.

SENATOR HIGGINS: You don't mean he has got subsidized housing?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Oh, I would guess maybe we could consider that as part of his remuneration for suffering through the toils of dealing with the Legislature.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Does he have a car furnished?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes, he does and we have not given him a car in this bill either.