

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Then, members of the Legislature, it seems to me that those of you who don't like what I am doing should want to kick the Governor on out of the bill, give him what he wants as you have been giving him all the rest of this session, amend him out, but you will not do it. You sit here saying there is a cancer on the body of this bill. It needs to be excised. Somebody has got an amendment to do that. I do not have confidence, Senator Goodrich, in the body's rationality at this point so I have got to push forward. I have taken this position. I think the bill ought to be killed against the advice of those who, from time to time, may have a kindly thought toward me, against their advice I will not withdraw my kill motion. I will not withdraw another motion I have up there. If you want to stay here we will stay. Now is the time when Dracula gets his revenge. I sat all session and I watched and I listened and I paid very close attention to the things that transpire in this Chamber. I am aware of things, keenly aware of things that happen in the rotunda and now we come to the last few days and issues that are of grave concern to some people and you are compelled to stay here and you are compelled to listen to a discussion that may not be too pleasing to you and I don't think it could be pleasing to anybody who favors giving salary increases, to have me stand up here and say we ought to kill the bill, whose design is to accomplish that purpose. But that is precisely what I am saying. We talk about the sacrifices as has been said so many times. It starts at the national level. It filters down through the political subdivisions at the local level. Lids are imposed. The President and Stockman are praised for their slashes but I have not heard one person on this floor who calls himself a conservative or herself a conservative make any comment about David Stockman saying he needs several millions of dollars more to run his office. Silent night when that occurs. Well now, let us at the state level give some direction and show that these people who have chosen to run for these offices knowing what the salary is, as we are told, will live with the salary they expected to get. I don't think they are being paid an unreasonably low in amount in Nebraska. Everything is cheap here. You do things on the cheap in this state. As far as Senator Kahle being concerned about the fact that they cannot get a salary during their term of office, you can't get a salary increase during your term of the Legislature if your term is a hundred years. So that is the wrong argument to make here. By comparison the term of any other person or the time between salary increases is like the batting of an eye. Let us show that fiscal restraint. Let me reach