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some others and I guess you get out of it what you put into it, and if you attend the meetings and take part in them, you are going to learn something. But I believe the biggest advantage of the whole thing is the fact that you meet people from other states with the same problems or maybe slightly different ones than you do and you are able to discuss those problems and come home with a lot better ideas on what we can do to solve some of our own problems here at home. So I am...on top of that, I have never been paid for more than the trip and perhaps the food and the lodging. If you think it is a picnic to go on these so-called vacation trips and attend the meetings and do what you are supposed to do while you are there, it is far from a picnic. So I think it is money well spent. I am not objecting to taking the \$50,000 out of there because we haven't been spending what we had appropriated but I know Senator Clark has been very active in this group and we sponsored the Midwest Conference, what, two years ago?

SENATOR CLARK: Three years.

SENATOR KAHLE: Three, and I don't think we want to drop out of that. I think it is very important that we know what other states are doing and that we get together occasionally, at least certain leaders from our group, and meet with other leaders to determine where we are at. I attended the conference in Atlanta with Senator Lamb and a number of others last summer when the new budget just came out and we were privileged of course to hear President Reagan give us his views at that time, which were hot off the press. So we had the information immediately. I am not sure it was the best information the way it turned out but at least we knew what was going on. So I certainly would hate to see us completely eliminate that, and I don't want to take up any more time, so thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would direct your attention, and I am not sure if it has been discussed at this point, the first page of the blue sheets, the \$200,000 reduced appropriation for staffing Senators' offices, and I am not going to oppose removing this money. I just want to be on record as to what the result will be. As you know now each of you are entitled to two people, an aide and an administrative assistant, and as Senator Warner explained earlier, not all the people had all those people all during the year. So we have had some money left over but we felt that we had to budget for those because we didn't know how many people would be hired.