

their praise is about an eighth of an inch deep. When they criticize you, it is about an eighth of an inch deep. So we are required to use our best judgment and do those things that are required to be done by a conscientious representative and to indicate on this floor that I can do the job that I am supposed to do with less staffing than I have, I don't have enough staff as it is, two people are not really enough, but I know that the Legislature is not going to approve of more than that. There are people who travel outside the state more than I do, that there is some who travel outside the state more than I do who may not travel within the state any where near as much as I do. But I have a lot of things on me that I try to accomplish and I think it is a mistake for us to say that the body who is entrusted with the lawmaking power of the state should travel cheap. To take a surgeon who is to perform delicate brain surgery or heart and other organ transplants and say it costs too much to provide a scalpel, it costs too much to buy a straight razor, so we are going to give you a butcher knife. Senator Goodrich just gave me a note that says the staff will not be cut below what they are now. Let me ask Senator Warner a question. Senator Warner, and then Senator Marsh has said she'd answer but I will ask Senator Warner since he is here, from listening to the earlier discussion, it was said that each Senator is entitled to two persons, an administrative assistant and an aide, and Senator Howard Lamb indicated that some Senators have not made use of the total amount of staff...

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute left.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that they can have. With this \$200,000 cut, he said that policy changes would have to occur and I take that to mean that every Senator wouldn't be entitled by the policy to two people. Have I misunderstood?

SENATOR WARNER: Well, the basis for the reduction, Senator Chambers, is that all people have not used their full allotment in the past and the reduction merely reflects the trend that has always existed, and whether the Exec Board wants to change the policy, you know, that I don't know but in my opinion what we are recommending to you will continue the funding of staff as it exists today.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So if somebody else who hadn't been using staff would ask and the money were not there, we wouldn't all have to prorate a portion of our staff off to make the money available for them?