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have been working hard and you have got an awful lot of staff people working. I guess one thing that has griped me since I have been down here. I asked how come some offices have four and five staff people working for them and I got along with one and a part time part of the time the first couple of years and had two the last year or so. And they say, well, the reason for that is because some of the Senators don't use theirs. So those of us that have been trying to be frugal have supported the ones that like to make a big name for themselves and it is really fun to go home and say, my goodness, I have got three or four people working for me and I have suddenly become a big shot on \$400 a month. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Hefner. Not here. Senator Lowell Johnson, who is not here. Senator Beutler, do you wish to close? All right, you go ahead and close.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes. Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I would assure Senator Kahle that I am not one of those who feels that he makes a name for himself or feels like a big shot by saying he has people working for him as legislative staff but I guess different things impress different people, and if that is why any Senators are taking on staff, I think they are doing it for the wrong purpose. What we have to look at though is the reason that staff is available. We have to look at the needs of the Senators and it is often a mistake to look at our own individual case and try to apply it to everybody else. So I am not trying to apply my hardworking practices to everybody else. I will concede that there are a lot of Senators who don't have much to do. They don't have much need of staff. So that is why I am making the pitch in behalf of myself and trying to see that the needs that I have as a Senator are met to some degree. I need more than two people for the amount of work that I have to do. Maybe that is why a lot of times I am prepared on the floor and carry a lot of things around in my head because I don't have staff members I can send scurrying here and there to bring me something everytime a question arises on an issue that we are discussing, but at the same time, it does stretch your mental capability. But it is not always feasible to do things yourself so as much as I like to be thorough, as much as I like to be prepared, there are times when I am not as ready as I would like to be. There are things not at my fingertips like I would want to have them. And if I was cut in terms of the amount of help that I have now, I would be even less prepared than I feel that I am in some cases. Maybe that is desirable as far as some people are concerned but all that I am suggesting here and all that

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