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SENATOR HALL: No, Senator Moore, and I stated that, that it was...

SENATOR MOORE: Oh, I was...you did state that.

SENATOR HALL: I said that it was an amendment that I was asked to carry, I'm carrying it, and I do it basically on...purely on fairness because I think after 17 years at \$200 I don't think that increasing the compensation up to 500 a month and 600 is unfair by any stretch of the imagination, no matter what the percentage of the increase.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Senator Hall, I agree with you with the problem with the 17 years. But my concern is that it has been that way for 17 years, I'm a little concerned about doing it the last week of the session on a Final Reading bill. For that reason, I'll oppose it.

SENATOR HALL: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senator Hall, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR HALL: Sure.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hall.

SENATOR ELMER: Senator Hall, could you describe to us how often this board meets and what responsibilities the members might have compared to the other two boards you use as comparisons.

SENATOR HALL: Sure. Senator Elmer, the board meets on a monthly basis, and they determine the operations in the Metro Area Transit. As I stated, the...and as you know the budget is in the neighborhood of \$20 million, they must meet, apply and operate the Transit Authority. They have to work within the federal rules and regulations with the Department of Transportation in Washington regarding the Transit Authority, because a great portion of those funds come from the federal government. They are responsible for putting together the routes in the neighborhoods that are served within the metro area. They are responsible for the number of employees that are employed there, just the overall operation of one of the...well,