

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, and Senator Moore, Senator Moore, I want to ask you a question if you will answer it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Moore.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Moore, who establishes what an employee in the Governor's office or any of these constitutional officers will receive? Who establishes what they will receive as salary?

SENATOR MOORE: They have a personal service limitation that they have to live under and then I believe that there are...that is set by whoever that...the boss is there.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now is there...

SENATOR MOORE: If they have a total amount, they have, they could set the salaries and if they could...yes, they could hire less people and pay more money.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Can the legislators do that? If I am entitled to have, say, two employees, can I hire one and pay that one the salary that two would receive?

SENATOR MOORE: Presently, no, that is something that some people have talked about though.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But the Governor and all these other constitutional officers can do that, can't they?

SENATOR MOORE: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So doesn't that make their situation different from ours even though their employees serve at will?

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, but...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So doesn't that mean that our employees hold a unique position different from anybody else's in state government?

SENATOR MOORE: Well, I'm still looking for other examples and so I can't...