

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Brand, in the temporary absence of the secretary, the roll was taken, with Bardanouve absent.

SB 71-Brand referred to the bill and the various amendments: 1st figure is what they are now getting, 2nd is the salary commission recommendation, 3rd figures are what the Senate State Administration Committee put in, the 4th amounts were put in by the Senate Finance & Claims Committee, and any 5th figures were put in on the Senate floor.

Kropp presented a set of proposed amendments based on a 10% increase:

Governor - \$32,500	Supt. of Public Instruc. - 22,500
L. Governor - 22,500	PSC - 20,000
Chief Justice - 31,000	Sec. of State - 21,000
Associate Justices - 30,000	Clerk of Court - 16,000
Attorney General - 27,500	District Judges - 27,500
State Auditor - 21,000	Campaign Commissioner - 21,000

It was mentioned that the Campaign Commissioner should not be included in any amendments - as per Towe's testimony of 3-21-77.

O'Connell said that she couldn't go along with any of these amendments. She talked about the money paid to local officials being more than state officials.

Mular summarized some of the testimony given previously. "2/5 of the entire budget is for executive salary, the legislature comprises 1%, and as long as the courts themselves are assessing the litigations, I can't understand why we want to reduce their salaries. If you want quality in the judicial system, you can't keep the salaries down."

Menahan spoke of salaries in other areas of the state. Turner mentioned the liberals and conservatives in the house and talked about how the elected officials are always looking ahead to the future. O'Connell said she did not feel herself to be a liberal, "I always look at things objectively."

KROPP-I represent an agricultural area - agriculture is down 10%, how can I support raises as high as 90%? We have to tighten our belts, let them do the same. FEDA-I think we should start at the top, the governor should be the highest paid official in the state - we should set his, and go from there. KANDUCH-If we want better people to run, we had better pay a better wage. MULAR-We aren't taking the money from the general fund, so I can't see being conservative. The fees raised by the court cases will offset this.

Meyer talked about a questionnaire sent out to District 42, and read it to the committee. (see attachment #1) He stated that 17 people who returned the questionnaire had opposed the pay raises. "They think the pay raises are exorbitant. They said they knew the salary before they ran for the office."

BRAND-Every year I have been in the legislature they have received raises, they expect it. MEYER-If we are going to have more increase through additional charges, then I say fine, give the judges more.

Robbins moved that Kropp's amendment for the Governor's salary DO NOT PASS. BRAND-Bardanouve sent a note saying that he would go along with 50% of the increase that the salary commission recommended. So that would be \$36,250. MULAR-Some of our

school administrators are making more than state executives. BRAND-Yes, but we can't pit one trade or profession against another. Robbins' motion that Kropp's amendment not be accepted passed with Feda, Turner, Smith, Meyer, Kropp and Tower voting no.

Feda made a motion that the governor's salary be set at 35,000. Mular made a substitute motion that the salary be 38,000 - Mular's motion failed, with Brand, O'Connell, Kanduch, Robbins, and Mular being the only yeses. Feda's original motion of 35,000 passed with Brand, Kanduch, Menahan, Mular, O'Connell and Robbins voting no.

Lien moved that the Lieutenant Governor be set at 25,000. The motion carried, with Robbins, Mular, O'Connell and Brand voting no.

Feda moved the Chief Justice be set at 34,000. O'CONNELL-When we can pay local county officials much more than these, I can't go along.

Mular made a substitute motion of 37,500, the motion failed 7 - 7, with Lien, Feda, Kropp, Meyer, Smith, Tower, and Turner voting no.

Feda's original motion of 34,000 also failed, so the Chief Justice goes out with no recommendation.

Feda moved 33,000 for the Associate Justices. Mular made a substitute motion of 36,500, which failed 7 - 7, with Lien, Feda, Kropp, Meyer, Smith, Tower, and Turner voting no. Feda changed his original motion of 33,000 to 35,000; the motion passed with O'Connell, Mular, Robbins, Brand, Menahan, and Ryan voting no.

Turner moved the Attorney General be set at 30,000. O'Connell made a substitute motion of 35,000, which failed 7 - 7, (along the same lines as previously shown). Turner's original motion of 30,000 also failed 7 - 7. Feda moved 32,500, which passed 8 - 6.

Feda made a motion to set the salary of the State Auditor at 22,500. Mular made a substitute motion of 24,500, which failed 7 - 7. Feda's original motion passed 9 - 6.

Feda moved 22,500 for the Superintendant of Public Instruction. Mular made a substitute motion of 27,500. Then, Turner made another substitute motion of 25,000, which failed 8 - 6 (along straight, party lines). Mular's other substitute motion of 27,500 passed 8 - 6, along the same party lines.

O'Connell moved 22,500 for the Public Service Commissioners, which carried unanimously.

For Secretary of State, Lien moved 22,500, which carried unanimously.

Menahan moved to leave the Clerk of the Supreme Court at 20,000, the motion carried, with Kropp, Meyer, and Smith voting no.

Mular moved to leave the salaries of the District Court Judges at 35,000; Feda made a substitute motion of 30,000, which failed 7 - 7. Mular changed his motion to 34,500. Tower made another substitute motion of 32,500, which carried 9 - 5, with O'Connell, Ryan, Mular, Brand, and Kanduch voting no.


Lien moved to reconsider the Chief Justice's salary, and set it at 35,000. Mular made a substitute motion of 36,000, which carried 11 - 3, with Kropp, Smith, and Ryan voting no.


Mular moved to reconsider the governor's salary, but the motion failed 5 - 9.

O'Connell moved to reconsider the Attorney General's salary, which had been amended to 30,000, the motion failed.

Brand will carry the bill on the House floor.

MEETING ADJOURNED - 10:30 a.m.

  
Joe Brand, Chairman

  
Anita C. Sierke, Secretary