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individual to take this--if you want to call it medication which it's not, if we make that quite clear that they're not required to take it but simply that it's to be provided in the water system in the same manner that injections will be provided in the school system, I don't understand your objection.

SENATOR MARESH: Well, if you would amend it that the State shall provide distilled water for those that don't want it, then I think then I'd go along with that.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: That the State shall provide distilled water?

SENATOR MARESH: Sure, if they don't want to drink the water that's provided by their town.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well I wouldn't understand what your reasoning would be for that.

SENATOR MARESH: Well--it's an added expense for the people that have to buy this water, isn't it?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well, what we're trying to protect here is the right of some people not to participate in a certain activity that we find as a general policy in the State of Nebraska, is desirable to promote the health and welfare and if we protect that right, I think that that's as far as the responsibility of the State of Nebraska would go. That's, that's as far as you went in LB 173 and I found that totally adequate, I don't see why you wouldn't find it equally adequate in this situation.

SENATOR MARESH: This water is brought to their home and the only way they can get away from drinking that water is by buying water in a jug--

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: --yes but they would not be required--

SENATOR MARESH: --added expense.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well, I take it that you wouldn't support that amendment.

SENATOR MARESH: No.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: And you wouldn't support the bill with that amendment? Well, Senator Maresh, I, I think that really we have found Senator Maresh's position to be quite unreasonable and I think it--that his amendment is equally unreasonable and we should proceed to pass this bill--defeat this amendment and pass the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Savage, then Dickinson, then Proud.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature. I didn't think my friend Dave was as naive as he appeared to be this morning. You amend a bill to improve it, to make it as acceptable should it become a law. You don't necessarily have to support it clear at the end to make it become a bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dickinson, still speaking on the Maresh amendment. That's the issue before the body, if we could please confine the remarks to that.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Mr. Speaker, if you're going to confine my remarks to that, I simply have a question of Senator Maresh, but I would like to comment on the bill whenever the time is opportune.

PRESIDENT: Very good. Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Yes.