

and not out of the machines. So, therefore, if it is passed on I think it is only going to be passed on in the form of a 1 cent increase, at least I would hope so. Then we have the problem would it be passed on at all at the vending machine level when the price on a can of pop in vending machines are already 35 cents? I would rise in opposition to the Mills amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: I would like to make mention of a fact that I'm not sure at all whether this is going to be passed on or whether it is necessary to add the full 5 cents and guarantee that it will not be passed on. I should like to say this, however, I cannot for the life of me understand why the pop manufacturer, the industry would in any way justify any increase above the 1 percent or the 1/3 of a cent per bottle, considering the fact that they raised prices not more than two years ago to justify the tremendous costs of sugar at that time. Sugar has been cut in half and their justification for any increase ought to be, and they should have, in fact, been able to lower the price of sugar. I tend to oppose the 5 cent proposal that Senator Mills proposes, 3 cents additional to the 1 cent which would allow the industry to... 1 cent, excuse me. I tend to oppose that. The reason I tend to oppose it is I can see no justification for the pop industry. What I think Senator Mills might, in fact, find as a better solution is to have a temporary lid on what they can charge. Maybe that would be a preferable way to go.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members of the body. I've been sitting back here listening to the discussion. I do not believe it is the duty of the Legislature to determine what profit an industry gets, or what they should charge for their product. I think that is their business. If we have such a monopoly in the State of Nebraska on the pop industry that there isn't any competition, then I think I'd be worried. I believe there are several companies, and I believe they are in competition. It might all be that they're ripping us off on the sugar thing, I don't know, but I'd hate to have someone come out and tell me what I could charge if I was in the pop business. I think that is their business. It is only conjecture on our part as to what they're going to do about what we do here. If we want a penny, or if we want 3/4 of a cent, well let's get it and let them worry about the rest of it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, colleagues. I would ask Senator Kahle how many times he saw two pop machines standing side by side and one costing 30 cents and one costing 25 cents, or one costing different than the other? I don't think that he's ever seen it. I don't think anybody ever, in this body, has seen it where you've got two machines standing side by side that are a different cost. I'm not accusing the pop industry of monopoly, but when you use coin operated machines you don't differentiate by cost. I think Senator Mills has got a very legitimate amendment here. I think you're losing sight of the second half of this amendment. Under the initial bill you're going one cent on a can of pop. But it self-destructs at the end of three years. Senator Mills is going three cents and it