

whatever they are to pay for premiums for the board members. If the board members want this, let them go to their constituents and have them vote it in, and if we start such a trend I feel as many agencies and entities as there are in the State of Nebraska, I think we will open or be opening the floodgates and I would not be for this.

SENATOR MARVEL: Senator Dworak. The Chair recognizes you.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, colleagues, I spoke in opposition to this before. I think again we need to review the fact that we are talking about group insurance. We are talking about insurance that has an employer-employee relationship. We are talking about full time bonafide employees. This is not the case. The case at hand are directors who are not full time employees. These directors have other occupations. They have other businesses. They have other ways of making a living and through these other ways is where they insure themselves through group insurance. This is not the place for group health and accident benefits. It is not the intent of these group contracts and I think that the amount of money is not the thing that we should consider ourselves with here. I think if the directors need to be paid more money, if they need to be compensated in a greater manner, then they should be compensated in director fees but not in the back door, not around the corner, not indirectly through this type of vehicle. I think that Senator Goodrich indicated that the REA's are looking for this. The REA's are asking for this. The REA's are doing this now and I am very concerned about group health benefits, group health accident and sickness benefits to directors as a means of compensation rather than direct compensation. I would be absolutely in no opposition at all to increase these directors compensation if that is what we need to do but to do it this way I think is wrong. I opposed it at the start. I continue to oppose this particular piece of legislation.

SENATOR MARVEL: Senator Goodrich, do you wish to close? An amendment on the desk.

CLERK: The amendment reads as follows: Read. (See page 1152, Journal.) Signed Senator Kelly.

SENATOR MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Kelly. Do you want to move the adoption of the amendment?

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I was not aware that there were districts around in the State of Nebraska that were violating the law under the idea that they didn't understand that they were not suppose to buy health and accident insurance as fringe benefits and Senator Goodrich has just stated that that is the case and it would appear to me that LB 180 would be a good vehicle that we could specifically stipulate the directors shall not receive these benefits, period, and then there won't be those districts that don't understand the law. I move the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR MARVEL: Is there a second to the motion? Motion is moved and seconded. Is there any other discussion?