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cap, not outside the salary cap. And we think that there is some constitutional problem with doing it, except...except...I think the exception that Senator Bourne talked about was during the election cycle, not the exception for compensation. So, I simply ask you to support the committee amendment because it does state that they do have the right for insurance. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the closing. The question before the body is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Senator Hartnett, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HARTNETT: I don't...I think we'll just accept the vote as it is. (Laugh) I didn't count.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Have you all voted who care to? Please record.

CLERK: 17 ayes, 23 nays on the committee amendments.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The committee amendments are not adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: We're now debating advancement. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: I simply would ask for the advancement of the bill. I simply voted for the committee amendments in committee. I think it's a good public policy and I would simply ask you to support the bill as it is and try to look at the issue a little deeper as we go along.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I would like to have Senator Hartnett improve my education on this issue, if he will.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Hartnett, would you respond?