

if petroleum goes up you do not have to pay more than 6½%. I am willing, Senator Hefner, to make the amendment that workmen's comp will not increase at a rate faster than gasoline. I am prepared to do that. I am prepared to do that. I think the issue is this, that first of all, number one, this is payment for an individual who is injured on the job. Secondly, the \$180.00 is maximum, is maximum. One does not get that unless he qualifies at a salary level that would compensate him to that level. Everybody on unemployment or on workmen's comp does not, does not get \$180. I think it is most interesting to see the arguments against this but the thing that disappoints me most, Senator Hefner, is the fact that there was some considerable work on the part of considerable people to negotiate the bill out and now we are going to start the auction again. I would hope, Senator Brennan, that you are prepared or some are prepared to make this the worthwhile debate that obviously Senator Hefner and others want and bring forward the proposal for the automatic increase so that we do not have to play the auctioneer each year and that is what we have done and we can amend this thing and keep this thing going for six or seven or eight or nine days, Mr. Speaker. I assumed that it would not last an hour. I was surprised you put an hour on the agenda. Obviously by my remarks you can tell that I somewhat oppose the Hefner amendment.

PRESIDENT: At this time the Chair would like to introduce some visitors to the Legislature from Webster and Nuckolls County, guests of Senator Kahle and Senator Kremer, Extension Club members and their drivers from those counties. Carolyn Van Boning is their leader. They are up here in the South balcony. Would they stand and be recognized at this time. Welcome to the Legislature. Senator Kahle announces that there is coffee and rolls left in the West Lounge if any of the legislators either want to slip over there or have a page bring them some. Is that right, Senator Kahle? Okay. We also would like to introduce on behalf of Senator Shirley Marsh, Kaye Biggs from the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. She is originally from England. She is sitting under the South balcony. Would Miss Biggs be recognized. Welcome, Miss Biggs. Now the Chair would recognize Senator Kelly, speaking to the amendment to the committee amendment.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, members of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature, I oppose the Hefner amendment. His dollar amount is even less than the original bill and this is not the time to be playing the shell game with dollars when the committee has done the work that they have done but more than that I want to talk to the