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7% of the President's guidelines as it would affect an insurance policy which workmen's comp is and if we have the right or the President has the right to restrict the income available under insurance policies, my, oh, my, I think the insurance industry just went out of business. Recognize also that the \$180.00 a month in the committee amendment is a maximum. It has nothing to do with what may be paid out to the workers that are injured but it does have a ceiling, a maximum on what they can receive. Again, most of the policy has nothing to do with the President's guidelines because it is a percentage, two thirds, of what the worker is making at the time he is injured and to compare the maximum to some type of a policy by the President of the United States is not realistic at all. Those who are politically minded will be talking about the deal that was made and the compromise that was reached and that that should be stayed with. The reason that I stay with that compromise is that it is \$180.00 which is more than the \$170.00 in the original bill because please, again, remember that these are injured workers that are on your payroll and my payroll and the people that work with you. When they are injured it is essential that workmen's comp pay properly because they have no recourse of any kind. They can not sue their employer for negligence in any way. That has all been bargained away in the workmen's comp bill for the \$180.00 a week maximum. Don't short it. Defeat Hefner's amendment and support the committee amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, members, I am going to support Senator Hefner's bill. I would prefer that it was the original bill, \$170.00, which is a 9.8% increase. \$180.00 is 16.5 I think it is, for this reason. We have not stated where this money comes from. People say the employer pays it. The employer does not pay it. The consumer pays it and when we keep talking about inflation and the problems of inflation and the 7% limits locally and so forth and so forth, right here is an example of the increase in what causes inflation. But please remember this. The consumer is paying, not the employer. He has to pass these costs on to stay in business and I would hope you would realize that. I would prefer the \$170.00 but this is closer to \$166.00 than it is to \$180.00.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Brennan.

SENATOR BRENNAN: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I still have a little voice trouble. I hope you can hear me.