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their weekly wage. Beyond \$270.00 you have a maximum of \$170.00 a week payment. So the only thing we are doing is raising the maximum and we are only talking about those few people who are earning between \$252.00 a week and \$270.00 a week. This is not doing one thing to everybody in the State of Nebraska who is earning less than \$252.00 a week. They still get two thirds of their salary while they are totally disabled. So it is really not that significant that we are talking about and only that small portion of people that we are talking about will not raise workmen's compensation that much. So we are talking about the people who earn between \$252.00 a week and \$270.00 a week and they will get two thirds of their wages instead of the maximum of \$170.00

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Brennan.

SENATOR BRENNAN: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I appreciate Senator Fowler's efforts as far as putting workmen's comp under a formula but I don't appreciate some of the remarks about deals. As I understand the committee system the wisdom of a bill should be discussed in the committee and that is where it was discussed. My powers of persuasion are not near as great as Senator DeCamp's and the only agreement I made was that if he was representing the business community in this bill and we come out with a 6 - 0 vote, one member being absent, that there was a consensus of the Labor Committee that this was a fair and equitable bill, that I asked that my bill be held in committee and I promised that I would not attempt to put the formula in. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President, I call the previous question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh calls the question. Do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting on the question of ceasing debate on the committee amendments. Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 7 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate ceases. Senator Maresh, do you have a close on the committee amendments, any closing?

SENATOR MARESH: I waive closing, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: All right, the question before the house then is the adoption of the committee amendments on LB 114. All