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has been said the balance would go for restitution and if there was not any cause for restitution, let it go for the board and room that he is getting?

SENATOR KEYES: Well, Senator Cope, I think you missed the one thing. We are not going to start in the State of Nebraska and make the inmates slaves to private enterprise. We don't want to do it and we cannot afford to do it, and there is no way under the sun that we need to do it. I am saying that you do not need to take a man out of jail, put him in private enterprise at the expense of somebody else that is in private enterprise. Put him to work within the prison, working for the subdivisions of government, working for the highways, that is fine, but to put him in private industry with the free people, the ones that are supporting this nation of ours, it is entirely wrong.

SENATOR COPE: Well, I can't agree because these people need to be trained and this is the way to do it, and with our very low rate of unemployment it just helps our labor force. I would like to ask the same question of Senator Goodrich.

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich, will you respond?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes. Senator Cope, the thing I see wrong with that is this. We have a federal law called the Davis Bacon Act. That law says that you shall pay the prevailing wage in the community if you do any work in that community and you have a federally assisted project. For example, prison construction is sometimes by federal assistance. Consequently, anything that is affiliated with the prisons must comply with the Davis Bacon Act. Now, the Davis Bacon Act says, for example, that you pay the prevailing wage which we will say for an electrician, which I happen to know a little about, it's...in Lincoln right here it is \$13.95 an hour, plus about \$5.00 per hour fringe benefit package, which means you are paying him about \$18.00 an hour, is what you are going to be paying this prisoner. Now, what that means is you have got a hundred and fifty electricians on the bench waiting for jobs in Omaha. You have got some on the bench waiting for jobs right here in Lincoln. But electricians are now going to have to out, rob a grocery store or something just so they can get into prison so they can get a job as an electrician. Now, you don't want to get yourself in a position where you have to comply with the Davis Bacon Act and pay prisoners, for example, \$18.00 an hour just to work. You are really getting in trouble if you do.

SENATOR COPE: I would certainly believe that there should