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LB 234

SENATOR CLARK: I would like to announce that Mr. and Mrs. W.I. Steiner from Genoa, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Meissner from Baraboo, Wisconsin, are under the South balcony and they are guests of Senator Dworak. Would you rise and be recognized, please? There is also 10 students from the eighth grade of Millard North Junior High at Millard, Nebraska. The teacher is Terry Welte. They are in Senator Wiitala's district. Would you rise and be recognized, please? Welcome, all of you, to the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature. Senator Higgins is the next speaker.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. President, Senators, I would like to ask Senator Maresh, I understand he is the Chairman of this committee, a couple of questions.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Maresh, will you respond?

SENATOR HIGGINS: For clarification, is this bill the bill that is going to provide another thousand dollars for burial for people?

SENATOR MARESH: That is correct. That is the original bill.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Okay, that was the original bill.

SENATOR MARESH: Yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Is it also going to increase weekly benefits \$10 a week?

SENATOR MARESH: Not the original bill. 234 does not...that is LB 115 does.

SENATOR HIGGINS: In other words, I have been hearing people talking about increasing benefits here and I am trying to just get a point of clarification. Is this bill, LB 234, strictly to increase burial benefits from \$1,000 to \$2,000? Nothing else?

SENATOR MARESH: That is correct.

SENATOR HIGGINS: So we are not talking about weekly benefits?

SENATOR MARESH: No. They are putting 115 into this bill. They are combining the two bills.

SENATOR HIGGINS: You mean, you are amending this bill to include that?

SENATOR MARESH: That is right.