

please return to your seats, record your presence. Unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. Senator Cullan, will you please record your presence? Senator Labeledz and Senator Higgins, will you please record your presence? Senator Duda, will you please record your presence? Senator Newell, will you please record your presence? We are looking for Senator Goodrich, Senator Vard Johnson and Senator Von Minden. Mr. Sergeant at Arms, Senator Goodrich, Senator Vard Johnson, Senator Von Minden. We are down to two now, Von Minden and Goodrich. Okay, the motion is the adoption of the committee amendments. Roll call has been requested. Are you ready to proceed with the roll call? Okay.

CLERK: (Read the roll call vote as found on pages 495 and 496 of the Legislative Journal).

SPEAKER MARVEL: I would remind you that the House is still under Call.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 14 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion carries. Senator Fowler, do you wish to explain the bill?

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President, I think the debate on the amendment pretty well explained what the issue is, so although it is a lower figure than I had hoped for, I would move to advance LB 115.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to oppose this bill as it is amended. I feel that now is not the time to raise the benefits on Workmens' Comp. The way I understand it now we would be raising it on the upper end from \$180 to \$190 per week. Let me just explain Workmens' Comp to you a little bit. This is just a small part of Workmens' Compensation. There is other things that need to be picked up. All of the medical expenses to the employee that has been injured on the job, the hospital bills, the doctor bills, and, of course, the employer needs to hire another person to take the employee that has been injured place. The reason I say that now is not the time is because this economy is down in Nebraska. There is a lot of employers that are not going to survive. I think that you will see by spring if this economy is not turned around, that some of these businesses will take bankruptcy. Volume is down in business. People in Nebraska just aren't buying at