

care and other things. Yes, they have to pay worker's comp, but I can't remember the last time that the 49...it hasn't been increased in the six years I've been here. You've been here at least twice as long as I've been around, and I don't know...

SENATOR HEFNER: Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: ..nobody else on the floor I think can remember when 49 was done, and I know this is your time. Go ahead.

SENATOR HEFNER: Thank you, Senator Hall. Just a few other remarks. I don't think we know enough about this. I know the Business and Labor Committee didn't discuss this. However, we did discuss a compromise and that was raising it on the maximum, \$10 one year, and \$10 the next year, and that was a compromise. And, if I knew that this bill was going to try to be amended on and on and on, I certainly wouldn't have voted it out of committee. But here's another thing we've got to remember, there is no income tax, no federal income tax, no state income tax, no social security paid on these benefits. So you can see that therefore the employee is getting the full benefit of whatever that insurance company pays. And so I just think that we ought to vote this amendment down and hopefully Senator Hall will even withdraw it, because until we know just a little bit more about this.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Morrissey, please.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Senator Hefner and Senator Coordsen are making some good arguments. This might not be reasonable. But whose being reasonable here? The people are not asking to get hurt. I ask you to consider that, they're being injured. You want to go to proof of fault, I'll support that type of system. You ask the people behind the glass if they want to go to proof of fault, I'll guarantee you what the answer will be. I think what Senator McFarland offered was a very reasonable amendment. But we've decided we didn't have to be reasonable, in my opinion. So I'm going to support Senator Hall's amendment, because I think it's a good amendment. I'm not too concerned about someone making out like a bandit that has been injured. That doesn't concern me. I don't think people are going to say, hey, I've got a \$50 a week part-time job. If I go get hurt, I can get 80 a week; I'm going to do that. I'm going to stick my hand in this door and slam it. I'm going to wrench my knee so maybe