

estimation this is right, the original amendment brought by Senator McFarland was right. Think about it, think about the people you are representing, the majority of the people you are representing and vote for what is right.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hefner, would you care to discuss the motion to reconsider?

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I oppose the reconsideration motion. Looked to me like the previous motion lost fair and square. Senator Morrissey said he was disgusted at the compromise that was made. Well, Senator Morrissey, you're no more disgusted than I am, because if I knew that we were going to have a battle like this on the floor I wouldn't have voted to advance the bill. It's that simple. And then you talked about the party affiliation. I can't see that it was party...the vote was a party affiliation. But the Hall amendment is a bad amendment, and I want to tell you why. If you would hire a person for one hour, for one hour, Mr. President, could I have the gavel?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Yes, sir. (Gavel.)

SENATOR HEFNER: But getting back to Senator Hall's amendment, if you'd hire an employee for one hour, and say you paid he or she \$10, you could be liable for many months, many weeks and many months, even into years, if this person got injured on the job, because you would be stuck with the \$88 per week deal. And that's going to drive up workmen's comp premiums, it's just that simple. And he gave the example like on a minimum wage, I think the minimum wage right now is 3.35, it goes up to 3.85, I believe. But I just took 3.50 an hour for 40 hours is \$140 a week, you take two-thirds of that which would be \$74. This person would get that \$74, but with the Hall amendment they would get a little bit more, they'd get the \$88. But back again to that person that just worked an hour or two for you, you would be on the line to pay \$88 a week for however long they were...that they worked. Senator Hall also said this would have a ripple effect, it would help the economy. Well, I would hate to see that we'd have to enhance our economy with something like this. Also, we got to remember that employers create jobs. If we put the burden too hard on them, there just won't be that many jobs out there. So I would urge you to vote against the reconsideration motion.