

debating the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. We are back to the committee amendments. Senator Morrissey, do you wish to speak to the committee amendments? Thank you. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: If...are there more lights on, Mr, Speaker?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Yours is the last light.

SENATOR COORDSEN: I would move the adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 315. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The committee amendments are adopted. We are back to the bill as amended. Senator Lindsay, would you care to open on the bill.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. President, I think we've discussed pretty much the merits on the committee amendments. The committee amendments, the bill itself was designed only to increase worker's comp benefits. Senator Coordsen's amendments to the committee amendments changed the amount of that, so what you have heard today, or this afternoon, is what the bill would do and that is that it would increase the worker's comp \$10 the first year, another \$10 the second year. I think it's a...I would have preferred a higher increase, but I think it is I guess a good compromise. It's going to get us up to, within a couple years we'll be up to where we should be now, so I think it's a good bill. I would urge that it be advanced.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. For discussion on the bill, Senator Labeledz, followed by Senators Hall and Hefner.

SENATOR LAEEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President, I rise in strong support of LB 315. I was going through my file on LB 315 and I noticed an editorial that I had in the file from the Omaha World-Herald, and I thought it important that I just read parts of it because I think it's very important and very unusual