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judgement, so I move that the committee amendment be not adopted. If it is good for one, it's good for all, then.

SPEAKER: Senator Carpenter, the chair is a little reluctant to take that motion when all you have to do is vote against the introduction..vote against the committee amendment here. He already has a motion that the committee amendment be adopted, and if you don't like that you can register that by voting no, against the amendment.

SENATOR CARPENTER: That's what I intended to do.

SPEAKER: Thank you. The chair recognizes Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. President, this is a bill that I was asked to introduce. All we had in mind when we introduced this bill was to make it mandatory that the state government do exactly what they have been doing under Governor Tieman and Governor Exon. Now it is not mandatory as the way they do it now. It is permissive. We wanted to make it mandatory, but we did not want to go into the county governments, into the schools, and into the other one. This is an entity where I think that they are negotiating a union contract and it should be part of their contract. But on the state level where we are the ones that fork out the money and are responsible, we've had a great turn-over of people working for the state and this is one thing that if they know that they are going to get this as assurance, why they..possibly our turn-over would not be so much. I did not ask to have this for other entities of government. If we try that, it is going to add a tremendous amount of money to the other entities of government over which we are not the ones that collect their taxes. So, I would ask that you accept this amendment as what it's for and go ahead. Thank you.

SPEAKER: Senator Cavanaugh, your light was on a little bit ago. Did you wish to be recognized? We have before us the Maresh committee amendment to LB 35 and the chair would recognize Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm in favor of this committee amendment because I believe in as much local control as possible and this will give that local control to the local political subdivisions of government.

SPEAKER: Senator Duis, you were up a minute ago. Did you wish to be recognized? Is there further discussion of the Maresh amendment. Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I don't think we can really discuss the amendment without really discussing the bill. I'd like to ask Senator Keyes a question.

SPEAKER: Senator Keyes, will you yield to a question?

SENATOR KEYES: Yes.

SENATOR CARPENTER: What are the laws as it now exists? What does it do? It's discretionary.

SENATOR KEYES: As it is now, Senator Carpenter. It is permissive for anyone who is working for the state or any subdivision of the state to offer this kind of insurance. The Governor of the state for the last two sessions has made it possible for all these employees that work for the state and receive a state check to get this insurance. Now if we happen to get a Governor come along that decided that this wasn't one of the policies that he wanted to formulate, that maybe he would let the union sit down and negotiate, it would throw that cloud over the employees of the state saying well now wait.. I think I've got insurance and then I don't have insurance.