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Now how is it? So, let's make it possible, let's make it mandatory that those that work for the state have this insurance.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Now if we adopt your amendment which is one word "shall". What does it do?

SENATOR KEYES: That means that all the employees that get a check from the state will be covered by this insurance. It doesn't mean those that work for other agents of government will get any.

SENATOR CARPENTER: And what does the insurance cover?

SENATOR KEYES: It covers industrial compensation, etc.

SENATOR CARPENTER: What is that?

SENATOR KEYES: Well, that means that if I fall down and break my leg on the job I'm going to get paid and that's good. I think that is something that should be paid for by the state.

SENATOR CARPENTER: You don't think that's important to a man who works for the public schools or local subdivision of the government if he breaks his leg.

SENATOR KEYES: Most of them raise the money themselves and that is part of the union contract. I've been a member of a union for a long time and that's one of the fringe benefits that we try to negotiate.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I didn't know the unions organized the local subdivisions of the government and the school districts yet.

SENATOR KEYES: Well, they don't yet, but they do have organizations. The school has the NSEN, etc.

SENATOR CARPENTER: How much will this cost the state.

SENATOR KEYES: This won't cost the state one penny more than it is right now because it is permissive and they are doing it. If they didn't do it, they could possibly save in the vicinity of \$50,000.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, that's like this highway thing. If they are doing it now, why should we have the bill?

SENATOR KEYES: We want to make it so that, in case we get a Governor who says that we will not insure our employees, then he could..it's permissive right now, he could say we won't do it.

SENATOR CARPENTER: You are..are you in that position with the present Governor.

SENATOR KEYES: No, the present Governor doesn't..does insure them. Makes sure that is part of their wages. And we want to make it mandatory that it is.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Mr...Mr. Pres--, it seems strange to me that we are now anticipating. The other day we had a bill on school bus where we are going to anticipate four or six years from now what someone is going to do then. The other day, for example, we had the same problem on the highway limitation of weights. Now, we are trying to project into the future what some Governor unknown might do. Now, I think this is getting a little bit ridiculous. Now if they are not doing it now, that's fine but if they are doing it now, that's another thing and those who are not doing, I'd like to know specifically who are not, if any, and to what extent will the taxpayer be required to put up more money to