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cover those who are not now covered. I am only asking for information.

SENATOR KEYES: I don't know. I don't know, Senator Carpenter, who in the state government, who in the schools, and who in the other entities of county government are not being covered, but I know that in the state government--I made a mistake a minute ago--all in state government are now covered, but we just want to make it so it's mandatory so that you cannot take this away from them. A man comes to work for state government and he works six, or eight, or ten years, maybe, fifteen years and then he finds the policy of the Governor of this state such that he loses his insurance and that isn't right. So, I would like to make it mandatory on the state level. The ones that we are responsible for raising the money for that it becomes mandatory and they are entitled to it for the rest of their employment.

SPEAKER: Stand by. Senator Carpenter, stand by just a moment. I think Senator Maresh has some important input here. Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like to correct Senator Keyes. I believe he misspoke. He said Workmen's compensation. It's unemployment compensation.

SENATOR KEYES: Unemployment, that's right.

SPEAKER: Thank you. Alright, Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: There's a fiscal note of about \$37,000. Why is that?

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Carpenter, did you read all of that statement? No specific appropriation will be necessary to implement this bill. It takes about this many dollars to do what we are already doing permissively. If we make it mandatory, it doesn't cost any more whether it is mandatory or permissive except unless some Governor in the future decides we are not going to do it.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, what does this \$37,000 mean then, if anything. It's strictly superfluous.

SENATOR KEYES: That's just what we appropriate right now to do permissively what we are going to make it mandatory that they do.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Is it in the Governor's budget?

SENATOR KEYES: It's in the Governor's budget as I understand.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Why get an "A" bill for it. I presume you are going to have one.

SENATOR KEYES: I don't need an "A" bill because it's already in the budget bill. It's already being done.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Then we are not going to have an "A" bill?

SENATOR KEYES: No.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Then, the only thing we have before this body is whether we should treat separately the employees on the local level from those on the state level. Now it seems to me that we ought to give consideration to treating everybody from the standpoint of equality. If a man breaks his leg working for the city of Scottsbluff, he ought to have the same protection if he was voting for the highway department and I don't think we should forever do for others--for ourselves what we are not willing to make others do and merely because a school board has come in..the only reason they came in here they don't want to spend the money. They would just as soon let the