

**SPEAKER:** Senator Whitney, do you care to respond?

**SENATOR CARPENTER:** Does it cover broken legs, what does it cover?

**SENATOR WHITNEY:** It covers unemployment compensation insurance. Now as I understand it, I was not on the committee, what I understand is what I've read in the bill and what the committee amendment is is the complete bill. What it does is to make certain that these particular State employees will have unemployment compensation insurance in the future, but any political subdivisions of government in the State may have unemployment compensation if it wishes to and therefore it gives local control to the local political subdivisions of government in Nebraska to do what it wants to do, either to have it or not to have it and it would seem to me that since the Legislature has been taking a lot of criticism because we have been forcing the local governments to increase their property taxes, it just seems to me that we'd ought to leave this up to them rather than us to force them to have more property taxes.

**SENATOR CARPENTER:** Let me ask the Senator another question, then. I see a bill where the county commissioners of some county has in for us to raise the minimum wage on employees in the county with the county commissioner all ready to do it, are you for or against that based upon local controls?

**SENATOR WHITNEY:** At the moment I'm against that particular bill. I think it is going to be amended such that the minimum rates will be reduced. Now, as you know, the county commissioners have that right to go above the minimum if they desire.

**SENATOR CARPENTER:** If they reduced the amounts, that would not change the principle would it, of local control? I'm always impressed when the Senator talks about local control, and I hope he'll be more consistent than I am.

**SPEAKER:** Is there any ---

**SENATOR CARPENTER:** Well, this continues the discussion, Mr. President. The thing is the same, whether the broken leg, it's the matter of unemployment compensation. Now, if that's important to the people working for the State, it's just as important to the people working for the school districts and the local subdivisions of government. That's a fundamental base of this, of, of legislation almost all the states. As I recall, we have been told unless we do it, the Federal Government will come in and do it for us to a much greater extent than we could have done had we done it. I still make the same motion, we ought to strike the committee amendment.

**SPEAKER:** Senator Carpenter, again the Chair, just for clarification, wishes to advise that I'm reluctant to take the motion because we still, you can still vote against the amendment and that registers the same thing as if you were to make another separate amendment or, excuse, another separate motion.

**SENATOR CARPENTER:** It's not the same thing, I suggest they vote against the committee amendment, has the same effect, it's a matter of words.

**SPEAKER:** Thank you sir. We're now on the same wave length. Very good. Senator Maresh, is there any further discussion of Senator Maresh's amendment? Senator Maresh, do you have any closing remarks on your amendment? That's the committee amendment?