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SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President and members of the legislature, I'd like to explain the bill that Senator Carpenter, that he referred to which is LB 239, this has to do with coverage of workmen's compensation for ambulance drivers and attendants and it's not mandatory, it's just permissive that the county officials or the, any body that has volunteer ambulance service, that they can provide workmen's comp, but at the present time, these people are not covered and so I imagine if Senator Murphy would want to make it mandatory for these people, it should be amended at this time, because my bill is just permissive.

SPEAKER: Senator Carpenter, did you wish to speak?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well I just think we got a strange standard of value. This, I had a meeting, member of the Judiciary Committee. The other day we spent all afternoon, listen to unwed mothers who are unfortunate enough to have children. It was estimated it was going to cost at least two hundred and fifty thousand dollars probably, it said as an illustration the woman who is three months pregnant, could go for example, and the state would pay two hundred and fifty dollars a month until she got out and had her baby. I can look at the tax structure of this state in which we don't tax intangibles which represents one third of all the value, of all the property in this state. I can look at many other things that are completely unequitable, and how we can take the time in order to destroy a bill to save a few dollars a month on a farmer who performs at least as much service as the girl who was unfortunate enough to have an unwed baby, I don't understand, we got bills in this body which will cost millions of dollars for welfare, in the field of ADC and everyone of the affiliated things

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