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SENATOR SYAS: Well I'm not going to say very much about this but, this whole debate rather intrigues me because, years ago the people put of course, an anti close shop on labor in the constitution and of course, this agency shop is altogether different, but sitting here listening to this today, I was thinking back of the bill I had last year in this legislature which was a constitutional amendment. If you recall and it said that no one should be, should by legislation or the courts or otherwise, should be forced to belong to any organization against his will. I got the bill out on general file, some of these great people today that are talking against raising this bill, were the very ones that helped kill that bill on this floor. Now this is amusing, because here we had one of the things that this legislature, that we could do, in legislation, we could probably, down the road force all doctors to belong to the AMA and all veterinarians to belong to the veterinarians association, well it was to prevent that kind of stuff. No one, it was giving you absolutely freedom, you didn't have to belong to anything against your will. The bar association got in here though with their whip and drove this legislature right down like a bunch of sheep and they killed the bill on general file, and they have a closed shop, brother don't think they don't, and the court sets their fees, so when, let's be fair and honest today in what we are talking about, if this is so unfair for labor, why is it not also unfair for other groups, so I think we should raise the bill, and quit being hypocrites on a bill that would open, make everybody the same, and just pointing out organized labor. Let's not, there is a line here, and let's do the fair thing, it is, generally what this legislature does, is who has the power they get the job done, and as I say, last session, most of this legislature fell right in line like a bunch of sheep, because a bar association put a little pressure on you.

SPEAKER: Senator Mahoney and then Senator Proud, and then Senator Carstens. Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President, this is my second time to speak for Senator Keyes answer to that question, I know he wasn't reflecting it towards me. I'm amused this morning that father and son are in disagreement. Father is George Syas and son is Duke Snyder. One defending labor, which he rightfully does and he works hard at it every day, and his son who has come up in the world and is doing well. I like to ask Senator Maresh a question if I may Mr. Speaker?

SPEAKER: Will you yield Senator Maresh?

SENATOR MARESH: I'm glad you asked me that question,

SENATOR MAHONEY: No I'd like to ask a question, would you yield?

SENATOR MARESH: Yes.

SENATOR MAHONEY: My question would be this Senator Maresh, my question would be, do you have an organization in your counties, the legislative district called the NFO, National Farm Organization or something of that type?

SENATOR MARESH: Yes.

SENATOR MAHONEY: And what would you say knowing your district as well as you do, how many would you say are in that organization, in your county?

SENATOR MARESH: Oh, I'd hate

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