

and I would certainly can not support 193, under any conditions, but I certainly can support 342 with the money, definite money value in the bill.

PRESIDENT: Now is there any further discussion then, of LB193? Alright, then, why don't we move then, well Senator Syas do you wish to be heard again? We thought that we had moved to consideration. Senator Fellman, do you wish to be heard on this, then Senator Cavanaugh? Your lights both went on about the same time.

SENATOR FELLMAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature.

PRESIDENT: Thank you.

SENATOR FELLMAN: I would like to discuss for a minute the widows benefits provision that is included in LB193 and which is excluded in LB342, I think it is very important. Under the present law, a widow of an injured or of a deceased workman, is entitled to minimum benefits and those benefits are payable during the balance of her life, as long as she remains unmarried. Under LB193, if she remarries, she would be given a lump sum payment of two years benefit and then the benefits would cease. Under LB342, if she remarries, the benefits are cut off completely, which is exactly the case as exists under the present law. I don't know what the members of this Legislature feel about the institution of marriage. We have been through some debates bordering on this during the last few weeks. It would seem to me that most of us should favor at least the institution and state that it furthers public purpose. The effect of the present law or the effect of LB342, if its passed, to its specific widow is this. She thinks about getting remarried and decides no, I will live with the man instead of marrying him, because she can live with him and continue to collect the benefits. If she remarries, the benefits are gone. Now I think that is against public policy. I can tell you that I have had personal experiences in handling a law suit involving this very question within the last year. A truck driver died, it was compensible, the widow received these benefits for the rest of her life or until she remarries. Now we have discussed this, she and I, I have discussed it with the insurance company, she happens to be rather an attractive young widow, and the chances are she might remarry, but she also has two small children, and she is faced with the question of remarriage of finding a man wealthy enough to offset her loss, and really the loss of her children, and she is asking the second man to pick up the obligations of the first man and the first man was killed in an industrial accident, which historically now, for over 60 years, we have seen fit to compensate for. Now I think that if this widows provision is a very important part of LB193, it is a tragic mistake in the present law and if we pass LB342, the way it stands, we are continuing a very tragic situation. Now for this alone, it seems to me that 342 should be defeated, and 193 should be passed.

PRESIDENT: Now Senator Cavanaugh? Still speaking on LB193.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Mr. President and members of the body. I would like to just spend a couple of minutes explaining basically what workmen's compensation is, I think a lot of people, both in this body and generally, don't understand the concept of workmen's compensation, and then specifically what this bill, 193, is intended to do along that line. Workmen's compensation provides for an insurance compensation to an injured employee for injuries arising out of him employment, that are directly related to his employment. The intent