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we will continue the debate on LB 449 which was discontinued for the recess.

CLERK: Mr. President, we now have pending an amendment by Senator Richard Maresh offered to 449.

PRESIDENT: OK. Senator Maresh.

CLERK: Read amendment.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I feel that if we are going to saddle these towns with the cost of installation of these injectors for this fluoride I think we should help them carry out the costs and this would provide fifty percent of the installation and the cost of the equipment and I move that this amendment be adopted.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Marsh. We have before us now for debate the Maresh amendment to LB 449.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Maresh, would you yield to a question, please?

SENATOR MARESH: Yes, I will.

SENATOR MARSH: Do you have an approximate cost as to how much in dollars that this would be for the state of Nebraska?

SENATOR MARESH: No, but there is an "A" bill in the...that will have to be worked out by the fiscal analyst. I didn't have time to get the estimate on this.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President and members of the body, I sincerely thank my colleague from Milligan for getting me off of the hook with the city administration in the city of Grand Island when I vote for fluoridation of the water when they have all of those pumps they have to put ejection equipment on, and believe you me, we can sure use the help. Thank you very much, Senator Maresh.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Senator Maresh, I didn't catch every word you said. I presume if this amendment is adopted you will support the bill.

SENATOR MARESH: Senator Stahmer, I do not support mandatory fluoridation. If it would not be spelled out that it shall be mandatory, I would support the bill but not in its form. I'm just trying to take the town's in my district I have a town, as you may remember last year, which I allowed them to raise the mill levy. They are up to their limit now and I don't know what they would do if they are required to put this in. I think they have two or three wells in this town of Chiowa, and because the wells aren't very good. So, that would be quite an expense for this town and, as you may remember, I had this bill last year to allow them to appeal to the County Board to increase their mill levy so that is the reason. I am thinking of these towns that have this added expense.

SENATOR STAHMER: Well, Senator Maresh, I think one of our rules is that if you support a bill..I mean if you are carrying a bill, you have to support it. I would assume that if you put an amendment on it that would help the bill, you would then, also, therefore, to follow the rule support the bill, or you wouldn't be offering an amendment.

SENATOR MARESH: It doesn't change the wording of the bill. It