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PRESIDENT: Do you yield to a question?

SENATOR SAVAGE: Would this--would your amendment or is your intent of the amendment to pay the cities in Nebraska that are now providing fluoride in their water their--50% of their costs also?

SENATOR MARESH: This is just like the sewage treatment. If we tell the cities they shall comply with pollution measures, then we cost share that and I think it's the same thing if we tell in the future you shall have fluoridated water, then we should help these cities out.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Then your amendment would provide half the costs for Lincoln, Omaha, Fremont or whoever else might be fluoridating their water at this moment?

SENATOR MARESH: Whenever they'd install new equipment, right. If they'd put down a new well and have to put on another injector then this would--

SENATOR SAVAGE: This just covers equipment not the cost of fluoridation itself?

SENATOR MARESH: No, no just equipment and the installation charges.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Oh, thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Proud, still speaking on the Maresh amendment.

SENATOR PROUD: Well I just want to say that if, I might be susceptible to wearing a chimney if Senator Chambers will wear a muffler, but anyway, in regard to Senator Stahmer who fortunately, doesn't appear to be here right now, he can't understand why Senator Maresh would sponsor--oh yes he is--sponsor an amendment and then vote against the bill. Well for his information for Senator Chambers, it's perfectly logical for the simple reason that Senator Maresh does not want this bill but if he gets it, whether he wants it or not, he wants to be able to live with it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nore. Still speaking on the Maresh amendment. Well, is there any further discussion of the Maresh amendment now? Senator Johnson, did you wish to be heard on the Maresh amendment? Alright, Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature. I'd like to ask Senator Maresh a question or two.

PRESIDENT: Senator Maresh, will you yield to a question?

SENATOR MARESH: Yes.

SENATOR JOHNSON: The question is, do you know how much fluoride there is in the water in your area now?

SENATOR MARESH: Yes, about half the amount it's--according to this bill, one part per million, we have about half of that.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Do the people that have an allergy react to that much?

SENATOR MARESH: I wouldn't know, I just got--I received letters from people that said their doctor said this would work against them if they ingested this much fluoride. I, I'm just taking their word for it, I didn't question their--I didn't ask for a doctor's statement or anything like that.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Well I would question whether a few hundredths of one per cent when you're talking about one part per million would make a lot of difference but it possible, I suppose.