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If he doesn't have them, he will be out of business. The thing I wonder about Senator Maresh, one letter disturbs him, particularly if it comes from a bank or somebody in the same general area. That really disturbs him or a phone call from some important person will change his attitude immediately. He feels automatic--that represents everybody in his area of 30,000 people. I don't think it does. I think the best illustration is what Senator Cavanaugh says: Two young people the same age, one going to school and one not, you're going to pay one less than the other. Now why, what sense of reasoning is that? Now I would just say to the Labor Committee as it now is, they don't have one ounce of sympathy for anybody that works for a living, with some few exceptions. Some people believe it's a privilege to work whether you get any salary for it doesn't make any difference, just so you got a way to put in your time and to keep your kids from being delinquents and what they see in the area in which they're employed for less than \$1 an hour makes them delinquents and rightfully so. Now in this amendment, I'd like to ask Senator Maresh, he's talking about 75% of a minimum wage. What are we talking about in the way of a minimum wage in your bill? 75% of what, what are you in favor of?

SENATOR MARESH: Senator Carpeter that doesn't pertain to this amendment we're discussing now. That's later on.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, what is the minimum wage later on then? What's 75% of the minimum wage? That's what your amendment deals with.

SENATOR MARESH: That's the next section we're going to consider.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I know what this section says 75% of the minimum wage.

SENATOR MARESH: \$1.40 starting now, \$1.50 and up to \$1.60 later on, 19--between July 1, 1974 to July 1, 1974.

SENATOR CARPENTER: You're taking 75% of the \$1.40 which is about \$1--

SENATOR MARESH: I'll have you know I did not provide--I did not offer it as amendment to the committee.

SENATOR CARPENTER: You what?

SENATOR MARESH: Ask Senator Kelly. He's the one that offered the amendment to the committee.

SENATOR CARPENTER: You're the chairman, aren't you?

SENATOR MARESH: Well, I'm not the one that offered the amendment.

SENATOR CARPENTER: If you know what's going on in your committee?

SENATOR MARESH: I sure do.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Alright, what was going on, what--

SENATOR MARESH: Well I told you, 75% of the minimum and don't you know what the minimum is?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Yes.

SENATOR MARESH: Okay, why don't you tell us then?

SENATOR CARPENTER: I just wanted to see if you knew.