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I have never worked a day of my life in a bank. They won't let me that close to the money. I serve as a Director at a bank by virtue of a fractional investment in that bank. If I am to be classified as a banker due to my holdings, I'm a 10% banker; if I'm to be classified by the balance of my holdings, I'm a 100% owner of a rather hilly farm in Dixon County. So I'm probably a total farmer because I share the ownership of the plumbing company with another man and his son. Now the thing that really concerns me is the fact that one of my duties in that plumbing firm is to prepare a payroll twice a month. I don't know how many of you have had the pleasure but twice a month I prepare a payroll and I give to those men on a direct withholding basis 4/5ths of what they earned. I send monthly to the government one day a week's work that those men do. Accordingly I dislike very much seeing my government throw money around in any way shape or form whatsoever. I think it would be well if we all did likewise. This would undoubtedly reduce prices considerably and be of huge benefit and possibly that \$1.00 an hour would be worth the \$1.60 an hour but for those of you who would care, I'm sorry to say I am not a banker, I'm a plumber. Really, fellas.

SPEAKER: Senator Syas, were you asking for the floor? All right, Senator Marsh, do you care to close on the committee amendment? This is paragraph No. 2 I believe.

SENATOR MARESH: No, Mr. Speaker, but I'd like to have a point of personal privilege. I think you, most of you could understand why Senator Carpenter took after me because I did not promise him a vote on LB 179 and so this explains that.

SPEAKER: Touché. Are you ready for the question? The question is, shall--Mr. Brown, is this paragraph No. 2 that we're...

CLERK: Yes. Committee amendment No. 2.

SPEAKER: This is paragraph No. 2. Well, just a minute. Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: ...and the reason he gave me is what I said--he had one letter from a banker, is that right? Right? No, one letter from one banker, right? 179.

SPEAKER: Senator Maresh, if Senator Carpenter wants to ask you a question, if you want to respond use the public address system, please do so.

SENATOR MARESH: That isn't the only letter I got on 179.

SENATOR CARPENTER: That's all you said you had. I asked you specifically.

SENATOR MARESH: No, I offered to show you all the letters and you didn't want to see them. You know that.

SENATOR CARPENTER: And you got one phone call from Fairbury.

SENATOR MARESH: No, it wasn't even from Fairbury. You're even wrong about that.

SENATOR CARPENTER: No I wasn't. Fairbury college.

SENATOR MARESH: You're all wrong. I offered to show you all the letters I had on that and you didn't want to see them. You know that.