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SENATOR CARPENTER: That's what you told me, that's how you made up your mind. I don't object to you making up your mind...

SENATOR MARESH: No, you didn't want to see the letters. You said you didn't care.

SPEAKER: Gentlemen, this is all very interesting, but the chair would suggest you carry on your discussion on the sides or outside of the building. Are you ready for the question now? Is everybody ready for the question? All those in favor of this amendment, the committee amendment of paragraph No. 2, vote aye, those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? We are voting on the committee amendment paragraph No. 2. Those in favor voting aye, those opposed to it voting no. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 13 ayes, 23 nays.

SPEAKER: The amendment is not adopted. We will now proceed to committee amendment No. 3 or Paragraph 3. Senator Maresh will explain.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the next amendment is on page 3, line 9 and 10. This was reinstated and amended to read that not less--no such employee shall receive less than 75% of the minimum wage. You didn't take that with the last amendment...

SPEAKER: Excuse me, Senator Maresh, we have a little difficulty here. We had assumed that we were voting on...

SENATOR MARESH: I did not read that part though in the last amendment.

SPEAKER: Just a minute. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I distinctly remember you saying this and the debate record can show it. There are four paragraphs and we can take them paragraph by paragraph and that provision is a part of the second paragraph or whichever it was.

SPEAKER: Just a moment. Let me see. The chair ruled that we were taking this paragraph by paragraph. I explained that I thought clearly and I apologize if there is any mix-up on this but I would remind the body that this whole bill will still be open to amendment at several stages so I am going to rule at this point that we voted on the entire paragraph.

SENATOR MARESH: Both parts?

SPEAKER: Well, Senator, I didn't have the paragraph before me when we voted but we voted paragraph by paragraph and... Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, I think that you should understand that--I don't mean you, sir, the Legislature should understand on the division of the question which is a complicated situation when you get into it, believe me, the rule would be that each part must stand on its own; therefore you should take this paragraph by paragraph, just as you are taking it and vote on it in its entirety. Otherwise you have not divided the question and it will not stand on its own merits. So each part of this must stand on its own merits.

SPEAKER: Well, then, Senator Duis. You are saying that we voted on it properly, are you?