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oppose necessarily the bill but I would like to ask Senator Maresh a question if I might. I know two people came and objected to the bill. Could you tell me roughly were their objections met by the amendments and/or if not what were their objections?

SENATOR MARESH: Well, I think they were objecting to, they have the steamers and haven't been inspected and haven't had go-ahead to operate them and this was the result the boiler inspector promised that he would take care of this and I don't think they objected to the bill itself--they were objecting that they hadn't been given permits to certification of their boilers, to operate them. I believe there's no opposition. All the people--we have a letter from a man from Hartford, Connecticut. He's with the Uniform Boiler and Pressure Vessel Law Society and we were told to write to him and find out what he thought of this bill and he answered that he was very much in favor of this, that they have found that this hydro-static testing is bad for the boilers and we happen to have a man on the committee that is knowledgeable in this area. Senator Kelly, and at first he was sort of not too in favor of this and I think he voted for the bill so I'm sure that we sold him on the bill. Probably he'd like to say a few words on this.

SPEAKER: Senator Stull has been asking for the floor, Senator Stull.

SENATOR STULL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm not opposing this bill at this point but I want to be sure that these boilers are safe when they take them out to demonstrate or provide rides. I'll just withhold my comments until we hear from Senator Kelly.

SPEAKER: All right, we'll hear from Senator Kelly as soon as we hear from Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. President, Mr. President, I'd like to hear Senator Kelly speak and then I want to ask him some questions.

SPEAKER: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, members of the body, in the boiler inspection bill, my original objection was removing from the statutes something that in my opinion was a fool, or a fool-safe way to protect the public by making sure that these boilers would not blow up. Now in the letter from the Hartford Insurance Company, their inspection division back in Hartford, the following are standard boiler inspection procedures that are carried on by the State of Nebraska and the insurance company inspectors, any boiler would have to be certified under the standard procedures to be operated in Nebraska which would include the antique steam engines, etc. Now the hydro-static test is permitted under the national boiler inspection code but it is used only when the inspector in his judgment determines that there may be reason that the flues would leak or that the tie rods would be pulling out but they don't use it as a standard every-year test or every five year test like our statutes called for. Now what we gained in this bill is that the boilers will have to be certificate by the boiler inspector which they are not now.

SPEAKER: Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Kelly, when this insurance man wrote you this letter and said that it was okay. Now I want to tell you people one thing you're going to do. If you remove the hydro-static tests from a boiler and say that it don't