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on this issue up to this point so that you understand why. I agreed with Senator Marvel to limit debate to one hour on this on the theory that if we had not resolved it, I would almost in effect, abandon the effort and let what happen would happen. In past years this particular issue, the workmen's compensation issue, has taken not hours, but tens of hundreds of hours each session and it gets down to a fight over numbers. For years Senator Brennan, either acting directly or indirectly, has pushed a proposal to take it out of the Legislature's hands, the subject of workmen's compensation and utilize a formula that would immediately put the workmen's comp up to considerably larger numbers than the \$180.00 in the bill but more significant, in the essence of his proposal, take it out of the Legislature and lock it into some automatic ever increasing, ever escalating formula. This year for the first time the business community got together. They determined that rather than try to stop everything, let us walk into the Legislature with a reasonable increase, a reasonable amount to accommodate inflation and say, we will be reasonable on this but we will not accept your formula and your proposal to take it out of the hands of the Legislature. On that premise I introduce this legislation. On that premise business community, one after another from all segments, came in, backed the legislation at the committee hearing and on that premise the members of the committee and the business community accepted the \$180.00 figure. Now be aware of what workmen's comp is. It is specifically outside the President's guidelines. Why? Because it deals with a situation over which the individual has no control. It is a man or woman who is working, gainfully employed and through an act of fate or whatever, they become injured on the job, I repeat, on the job, while working to where they can not work for some reason or another. It is then that workmen's comp comes into play. It is only then that workmen's comp comes into play and keeps them able to live and survive long enough for them to get back to work again so that they do not have to put their family on welfare. So let us first of all, understand we are not talking about unemployment compensation or any of the other, what I call, welfare type programs. We are talking about a specific limited area of somebody working, being injured on the job and getting enough money to survive until he can work again. Now in the committee Senator Brennan finally yielded and agreed to settle on the \$180.00 figure without a floor fight on his bill to change the formula and all that if he knew that would be what was accepted. He did not want it. He felt he was being railroaded quite frankly. He felt