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I do. All those in favor then of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate ceases. Senator Hefner, will you close on your motion to amend the committee amendment?

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, if we go for the \$180.00 a week this is a 60% increase in a little over two years. We have been talking about labor and business trade-offs. I did not know anything about this. I was not contacted about them and I do not believe that we on the floor in this Legislature should agree to deals. I think we have to examine and evaluate each bill as it comes up. I feel that amending the \$180.00 figure to \$166.00 is a fair compromise. It is a 7% increase from the previous year and, yes, I certainly understand the difference between workmen's comp and unemployment compensation. I pay many premiums on workmen's comp. I want to tell you again that the amount of money this compensation that is received from the insurance company you do not have to pay Social Security on it. You do not have to pay federal and state income tax on it and I would urge this body to go with the \$166.00 this year and if that isn't enough, let's come back next year and raise it another 6 or 7%. I strongly urge you to support this amendment.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of the Hefner amendment to the committee amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 13 ayes, 26 nays on the motion to adopt, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion fails. We are now on the committee amendment speaking to the committee. Is there anything on the desk? Speaking to the committee amendment then, now, Senator Maresh, you may present the committee amendment, chairman of the committee.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, this amends the bill from \$170.00 to \$180.00. I move that this be adopted.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Fowler, speaking to the committee amendment now.

SENATOR FOWLER: Well, Mr. President, I had an amendment up there to restore Senator Brennan's original language, LB 113, because I think the deal that has been struck here