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SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, fellow colleagues, I oppose the amendment. It seems as though everybody wants to take a shot at this bill. Everybody wants to be excluded. Pretty soon we will have the 4-H Saddle Clubs want to be excluded because when they ride their horses and get together they might cause a ruckus. We have the Shriners who get dressed up in their fezes and then their cars and motorcycles, they will want to be excluded and then pretty soon you will have the Corvette Clubs. They will want to be excluded. I believe it is a good bill. It doesn't do a lot of things people are trying to make it out to do and if people are following the law they don't have to fear the bill. We had it before and it worked so I oppose the amendment to bring it back for Senator DeCamp's amendment and thank you very much.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: A question of Senator DeCamp. John, the current labor laws in regard to picketing activities, if they were being complied with it was a legitimate activity, they would not offend this law. Would they?

SENATOR DE CAMP: Well again we are in personal opinion. I don't think so when we are dealing with criminal laws and criminal penalties one of the rules is it has to be absolutely clear and specific. All I am doing is saying, okay, there is a question, the very question you have asked. I will make it very clear. There are laws on picketing. This law does not apply to the labor unions. They have their own specific laws. Those laws are very clear. They are under those. That is all I am doing. I answered the very question you are raising.

SENATOR MURPHY: If they engage in unlawful picketing procedures, do they not fall under the criminal law then?

SENATOR DE CAMP: They fall under specific criminal laws and sanctions that are now in the statutes with respect to labor unions, rights to pickets, methods, manners, prohibition, so on and so forth. This makes it very clear they are under those and not under this particular proposal.

SENATOR MURPHY: It would appear on the surface that we are going to be redundant if we do this and accordingly, I guess, I see no need for it. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I oppose the bill but I also oppose the