

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I rise to support Senator Fowler in this motion to return LB 234 for this amendment. I would simply point out to the body that as Senator Fowler had indicated that this is a compromise that was worked out in committee on another bill. The \$10 increase is on the top side only. There is no increase on the bottom figure as the original bill was drafted. The original bill was drafted with a \$20 increase. It was amended down to \$10 only on the top side. I would also remind the body that in 394 we are increasing by the identical amount, \$10, the amount of funds that unemployment compensation, the top figure on that schedule and it seems to me that it is no more than right to increase for those people that have been hurt on the job on Workmen's Compensation a 5.5% increase as Senator Fowler pointed out is a relatively low figure and I would urge the body's adoption of this amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President, I, too, as a member of the Labor Committee supported this increase on another bill but unfortunately we won't be hearing it so I am urging the members of the body to support the amendment. It is only on the top end. It does not mean that everyone that is hurt on the job will receive that amount and \$10 as Senator Fowler indicated is only a 5½% increase and I think that since the bill did come out of committee that we are attaching this amendment onto LB 234, since the other probably would not be heard. I urge the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, am I the last speaker or is there a lot of other speakers in this regard?

SENATOR CLARK: Pardon me?

SENATOR NEWELL: Are there a lot of other speakers on this issue?

SENATOR CLARK: We have got two more.

SENATOR NEWELL: Okay, I will just let somebody else talk.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President and colleagues, I normally take a pretty hard stance on increasing these benefits but