

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Just to relate back to where we were on the bill, we did adopt an amendment to the Schmit amendment. The figure that now is before us is \$225 max, \$49 minimum, and we were about to vote on that when we ceased activities. So I guess the motion is to adopt the Schmit amendment and then I think Senator Vickers has an amendment, we can proceed with the bill, so I'd ask adoption of the Schmit amendment.

PRESIDENT: I guess we can go ahead. Senator Schmit is not excused. Do you think he wants to say anything on this, Senator Wesely?

SENATOR WESELY: I know he's...you know, we did discuss this already and I think it was just a matter of going ahead with the amendment. We can wait for Senator Schmit if you'd like to. It doesn't matter to me.

PRESIDENT: We could take up the Vickers amendment now if you'd wish.

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah, maybe. Do you want to do that, Tom? Why don't we do that, then Senator Schmit can get here and handle it.

PRESIDENT: Very well, without objection, we will move to the Vickers amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Vickers, your amendment was printed separately, Senator. You'll find it in your bill book. This is Request #930.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, the amendment that I offered to LB 608 leaves the figure that Senator Schmit had in the original 608 for the first year. Then it sets up a mechanism that 30 other states in this nation use rather than a set dollar figure for the cap. Now let me explain, for those of you that may not quite understand how the workers compensation works. Workers compensation, the law says that if you're injured on the job we will pay you up to two-thirds of your average weekly wage or your weekly wage, we will pay you two-thirds of your weekly wage at the time you are injured up to a cap, up to a cap. And that cap at the present time is \$200 a week. Now the way that works