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CLERK: The motion pending on LB177, Mr. President, I move to amend the standing committee amendment to LB177 by striking 10,000 and inserting 50,000. This was laid over from January 29, and is still pending.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Simpson.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President, I would renew the motion. We had quite a little argument before over it. The only thing we are trying to do--the bill was changed from 5,000 and went up to no limit. We find that in the Federal there is a 50,000 limit and I would like to see this into the bill. I think 10,000 is too short if the employees of an agency in State Government or of a local subdivision decide that they as a group should have more insurance than 10,000 coverage, not saying who is going to have to pay for it. If the organization they work for wishes to pay for a certain amount or if they wish to extend beyond this and make the payments themselves, I don't think we ought to limit them as low as 10,000. I doubt very much if anyone is going to go to 50,000, but I was only trying to be consistent with Federal legislation.

PRESIDENT: We all understand Senator Simpson's motion? The clerk read the motion again.

CLERK: Mr. President, I move to amend the standing committee amendment of LB177 by striking 10,000 and inserting 50,000.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion of the motion? The chair recognizes Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: I would like to ask Senator Simpson a question, if I may.

PRESIDENT: Senator, yield?

SENATOR SIMPSON: Yes

SENATOR MARVEL: There doesn't appear to be any fiscal note on this bill, and I may not be reading this correctly. Is it true that this applies to all Department of State Government as well as the other political sub-divisions. We have this constant argument about insurance. Does this apply to State Departments of Government?

SENATOR SIMPSON: Yes, all political subdivisions, from State on down.

SENATOR MARVEL: Then I would assume it has fiscal impact, because unless the philosophy is some how or other that they come before Legislature to get approval. In the past was the ceiling which has been 5,000 they have never gotten approval from the Legislature.