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coverage is the \$500 civil assessment. Now it was discussed as to "binding arbitration". Presently, the employer can have a thousand or twelve hundred dollars of the employees money in his hands where he is judge and jury of nonpayment unless that employee goes to court. This bill will give a \$500 civil assessment to the Labor Commissioner which can be taken to court. It provides that that employer, if he feels he is unjustly treated, can take it through the courts. The thrust of the bill is to give protection to the poor that cannot afford to sue and we, as a Legislature, owe the poor people of this state as much responsibility as we do in providing protection for banks and businesses that already have the law very well looking out for them. I think a real summary is the thresher's lien laws we presently have, the mechanic's lien laws, which give a man that combines an ability to collect with a lien on the grain of that person he combined for. The mechanic's lien law today was to protect that mechanic. Now the shop uses the lien against the car and the mechanic if he has to get it collected he has to go to court. I would like to just suggest that this is broadening our idea of what is fair play for everyone concerned. Thank you. I move that LB 811 be placed on General File.

PRESIDENT: You have heard the motion. Shall this bill be placed on General File notwithstanding the action of the Committee. Record your vote. Have you voted? Record. Oh, excuse me, wait. I am sorry that was improper. I forgot about your requirement of 30 and I think my call was premature. Could you rerecord your vote. The Chair was premature in calling for recordation of it. Clear the board. All right. It is open and the Clerk can receive more votes. Have you all voted?

SENATOR BURROWS: I request a Call of the House and a roll call vote.

CLERK: One Senator is excused today.

PRESIDENT: One Senator is excused.

SENATOR BURROWS: Request a record vote.

PRESIDENT: All right. You can have a record vote.

CLERK: Vote read. See page 859, Journal.

PRESIDENT: Announce the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 19 nays, 3 not voting.

PRESIDENT: The motion fails.

CLERK: Mr. President, your committee on Banking, Commerce and Insurance to whom was referred LB 991 instructs me to report the same to the Legislature the recommendation it be advanced to General File as amended. Signed Senator Murphy, Chairman. Also LB 1000, General File. Signed Senator Murphy, Chairman. Mr. President, Senator Wiltse