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instigated the proceedings shall pay the employers attorney fees and the cost of the action. There is quip-quo-pro in regards to employee, employer over judicial proceedings. One last thing in section six, the other day in discussion there were those who were concerned that this might affect too many people, including farmers and ranchers. This has been explicitly set away from the original amendment. It excludes farmers and ranchers and also political subdivisions and corporations which are regulated under federal or state laws. What we are really trying to get at and I think that you are all aware of this is that there are certain types of organizations, we may call them fly by night whose motives may have been great but for some reason or other are unable to keep the operation going and attempt to defraud those men and women of their rightful wage because of work performed. I ask for the adoption of this amendment to LB819.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mills.

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I appreciate Senator Koch's concern as with Senator Burrows and those people who tried to bring 811 to the floor of the Legislature notwithstanding the committee vote. This is in effect as Senator Koch has said 811 and I do not really believe that it is germane to this particular piece of legislation. I'm sure that it has merits to stand on its own, and should be treated in that sense. Therefore I would ask you to consider leaving the amendment in the Journal where it is and let 811 proceed through its course so that it can start to attack the problem of unemployment compensation in the State of Nebraska. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, colleagues and the point is and we have talked about it numerous times on this floor. This is totally unrelated circumstance, we are dealing now with Section 25 of the Nebraska Statutes and this isn't the place for this particular bill. It is 811 all over again. We debated 811 and now were trying to put in a totally new section and it is just not the time to do it. It should come up on its own merits. In fact some of the merits of it are good. I might even personally carry it next session. But that is the place and time to do it. Not now. I would urge you to defeat the Koch amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, members, I pass.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I just want to say briefly that this is not 811. This is a judicial proceeding that were talking about here. Now where the Department of Labor has any involvement at all. Briefly this says that if an employee is forced to take judicial action to remedy a situation where an employer will not pay wages justly due, then the court costs and the lawyer fees will be borne by that employer who created the situation in the first place. Conversely if it is found that the employee