

benefits to others. They can wax indignant and loud when they are in the process of taking something from somebody who is virtually helpless and defenseless. This bill would reduce a person who has to do menial work that nobody else wants to do to a complete nonentity. The work is done in exchange for benefits which means that the benefit takes the place of the wage, so it is work done for a wage, yet the bill says the work is not employment. So here is somebody being required to function as an employee but is not considered an employee and the work is not employment. Farther down in that same section, it talks about the amount not exceeding the federal minimum wage per hour. The person, in addition to having his or her work not deemed employment officially, shall not be deemed an employee. So we have a nonperson created in statute by people who themselves accept benefits that are not bestowed upon everybody else. You have in Douglas County, right now, a heated discussion about a lobbyist whom all of us know and love who has a person working in his office as a secretary who is paid \$10,000 from county funds, from county funds, and does work for that lobbyist who is a lawyer. And the lobbyist having his own legal practice and representing other interests is considered a county employee, even though it is necessary to hire Senator DeCamp to do the lobbying work. So you have a lobbyist who has none of the accoutrements of employee status, yet he is deemed an employee for purposes of all benefits including a pension. Here is somebody compelled to do the most menial work for the least amount of money that can be paid and the work is not employment and the person is not an employee, and the Legislature, not as a whole, I won't know that until the vote, but some legislators are proud of this. It is indeed taking somebody who has reached rock bottom and telling them, I know I have you where I want you now and I'm going to extract the last drop. I'm not going to just take my pound of flesh, I'm going to strip it off in ounces and I'm going to put a foot astride your neck and say that the little that you get, as Jesus said to him that have shall be given...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...which is Conagra, from him that hath not shall be taken even the little that he seemeth to have which are the poor. And I did state the other day quoting, "The poor you have with you always." So the economy will keep them poor and the Legislature will keep them degraded and humble. There is not a great amount of money being stolen from the county or