

encourage the adoption of this amendment.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Chambers, your light is next on the Landis amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Landis a question or two about this provision.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Landis, will you respond?

SENATOR LANDIS: Yes, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Landis, what...at what hourly rate would a person have to be paid in order to qualify for the maximum benefits that we're talking about in this provision?

SENATOR LANDIS: Right. At roughly \$9.95.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right, I agree, but I want it in the record. What increase in benefits will those making less than that obtain, under this bill?

SENATOR LANDIS: The benefits that they receive will be nonmonetary, and I think in the way that you phrased that question the answer is that there is not an economic benefit increase for them. They now receive the maximum that they're entitled to under the formula.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you say the majority of workers in the State of Nebraska...What percentage of workers in Nebraska, if you have any idea, would make the nine ninety-five an hour?

SENATOR LANDIS: To the best of our ability to estimate, roughly 48 percent of the workers, under the worker comp system, would receive that amount, roughly 330,000 workers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And the other 52 percent don't get any monetary benefit from this bill, the way it's drafted.

SENATOR LANDIS: Under...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Increase in benefits.

SENATOR LANDIS: And there the answer is they don't get an