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SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I guess that I would ask Senator Witek if she would answer a question, please.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: I don't know how much...how closely you followed this bill along, but I thought I heard you say earlier today, on another bill that was a large bill that had...they had worked a great deal on, that you didn't think people should be amending on the floor or changing it on the floor the way that it came out of committee. And yet it seems that you have three amendments filed on this, so I guess I would ask for your explanation.

SENATOR WITEK: Well, Senator Bohlke, this bill has 51 pages, and I believe LB 76 has well over 400 pages, so my suggestion was, and it was also very controversial in committee, I doubt very much that this bill had much controversy in committee except for possibly some of the individuals who came in and testified on the bill. And my cautioning the body on LB 76 differs greatly from my wanting to put back in a work comp provision exemption in this bill.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Thank you. And I would suggest that, you know, the only difference is on which side of the question you happen to be. Thank you. I oppose this amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I rise in opposition to this amendment. My only comment would be that if we're going to open up the workers' comp portion of this bill I think we probably ought to take another serious look at newspaper carriers. But beyond that, I would give the rest of my time to Senator Rasmussen.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Witek, would you yield to a few questions, please.

SENATOR WITEK: Senator Rasmussen.