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to do that and that is the bottom line. That is the real issue here. I think that when you stop talking about fragmentation and those kinds of things, those are determined by the Court of Industrial Relations, and what we are saying here is that we are going to determine that and we are going to determine that in such a way that we just make a blank philosophical statement that everything is included and we don't look at the other issues involved and I think that that is a mistake, that this Legislature should be dealing with other things than trying to second guess and save people money on court suits. Thank you.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator DeCamp. Robbie, would you, excuse me, Mr. Robinson, would you, yes, Senator DeCamp. Your light is the last one. We are ready for Senator Landis to close.

SENATOR LANDIS: Madam Chair and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask a question of Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Yes.

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Cope, you mentioned that one of the virtues of LB 108 was the economy that would result. Can you give me any single specific example so far of anything that was brought out in the hearing on this bill or that you are aware of where the present system determining bargaining units has created an economic injustice that would be removed by passing LB 108?

SENATOR COPE: I was not on the committee, as you know. I made that statement because I am sure, after being in business most of my life, that you can do a much better job if they are combined and do it at a much less cost. It just makes good sense, Senator Landis....

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator. I didn't mean to cut you off. Please continue if you wish.

SENATOR COPE: ...that you are going to save a great deal of money because the people that are interested in bargaining are your key people usually and they are expensive, and if one group work instead of four groups or five groups or six groups individually, it will save taxpayers money, I believe.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Cope. Senator Kahle, would you yield for a question? Senator Kahle.