

a mini-Davis Bacon Act. Now, what I am suggesting is, do you, for example, want to promote something that would be automatically the barrier of inmate working? Because if we have to pay him...now on this job, this is the site the job site, the prevailing wage is \$18.00 an hour for an electrician we will say, or the plumbers, the bricklayers, they all have regular rates, and if we have to pay him that rate and the employer says, forget it, I ain't paying that rate, I won't hire him, is that the intent? Because that is what you are doing. You are putting a barrier between the employer and the ability to hire this guy. Why would we pay \$18.00 an hour for an inmate, for example, when we go to the bench...in Omaha on the bench right now there is a hundred and fifty electricians sitting there waiting for somebody to call them to work.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Goodrich, you have taken an exceptional case and are trying to make it the rule. Now I don't think there are that many electricians who would be in the penitentiary, and if there are the number of electricians you say who cannot get work, then it seems pretty obvious to me that there is not work available for electricians, and if some employer is going to utilize cut-rate convict labor to avoid hiring those people who are trained and are on the outside, then you can see that the bill as it is drafted is intended to be cut-rate labor...

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, then I won't take all your time.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Well, Senator Chambers, would you say in your amendment the prevailing nonunion rate?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, I don't think that is proper.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Well, then what you are doing is you are really....if this gets adopted you have actually killed the bill, I will tell you that right now. You haven't seen anything go to work on this like will happen because this won't be voted on the Final Reading today. It won't be voted on until at least tomorrow and considerable effort will be exercised on the bill, not from me, but from outside the Chamber. You know it happens and it can happen. Members of the Legislature...thank you, Ernie. Members of the Legislature, what you are doing here is you are saying, for example, that if you employ an inmate of one of the correctional facilities you shall pay the prevailing wage which in the case of electricians, for example, it is \$18.00 an hour, and....