

periods of time and, simply, it is not easy. I draw a good wage on the railroad, and to go from that wage to workmen's comp, and on the railroad, it is different because it is a federal workmen's comp, and it is just slightly better than what Senator McFarland is offering or offering to us an amendment, and it is real tough, folks. It is real tough. There is no way you can survive without getting into your savings unless you are used to living at minimum wages, and we don't want our people to have to do that. The working people, the men and women in our state that are working for wages, are just as important to us as the people that are running the businesses. The men and women that are working for wages are the people that are going into these businesses and spending their money, and on workmen's comp, let alone, don't even think about the stress of being at home, being injured, the uncertainty of your future, uncertainty of your job, the stress of going in and out of the hospital for a work-related injury, then you also want to add on them the burden of just barely being able to scrape by on a very, very low workmen's comp wage. Senator McFarland pointed out where we stand in the Midwest with his facts and figures. Just lately, the Governor has been touting and it has been in the news many times that Nebraska is an island that is being very successful in the business area. These states that are paying this higher workmen's comp now are envious of our business climate in Nebraska, and they are envious of how well our businesses are doing in this state. That is what the figures have shown. If that is true, folks, if that is true, then let's get ourselves up there and give at least a minimum increase that Senator McFarland is asking for.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Four dollars a day increase. What can you buy for \$4 a day? Another gallon of milk for the kids, a couple more loaves of bread, four gallons of gas. You can spend four gallons of gas going back and forth to the hospital awfully easily getting all the tests that might need to be done when you are injured on the job. So I don't think what Senator McFarland is asking for is unreasonable at all. I have been there. I have lived on workmen's comp that was better than what Senator McFarland is proposing, and it is tough. You have heard from all your businesses in your area. Have you heard from any of your working men and women, the people that draw the wages? If you haven't, I suggest you call them up and ask them, talk to the people that have had to live on this very small subsidy to