

environment, as is the fact that these individuals who are injured and apply and are eligible for workers' comp receive an additional benefit. Those benefits, those additional dollars that come out, they also help the economy. They also have that ripple effect, if you will, at least three to four, sometimes five times the effect of a roll over of a single dollar in terms of the economy, and let me tell you, those dollars are going to be spent. They aren't dollars that are going to be ratholed away at the tune of \$275 a week. They are going to have to be spent. They are going to be spent on necessities, food, shelter, clothing, what have you, medicine, and in many cases in these instances, doctor bills. They are going to be spent. They are going to be sent back into the economy. They are going to be used and I think that at this time even with the McFarland amendment, if you read the subhead on that World-Herald editorial, that still will hold true with the adoption of Senator McFarland's amendment. Nebraska, we will still have fallen behind...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...even at \$275 a week. We will not have progressed. We will not have progressed. We will, basically, have held the line but we will not have broken any new ground by any stretch of the imagination in this area, and it clearly is time to afford these individuals who have been hurt on the job at least an honorable, if not a luxurious, far be it for any of us to suggest that, but clearly something that would allow them some standard of decency in order to maintain themselves so they can get back on the job, and that is clearly all workmen's comp is meant to do. It is a stopgap for those individuals who have been hurt until they can get back on the job, continue to be a very productive member of society. I would urge you to adopt Senator McFarland's amendment. it is a very reasonable one.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Chizek, please, followed by Senator Hefner and Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Mr. President, I would respectfully call the question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Senator Chizek.