

it two ways, folks. Are we booming? Are we an island of business prosperity? And, if so, what Senator Coordsen referred to, our lower weekly wage compared to our surrounding states, if we're booming, why is that wage low? Whose getting the difference of the boom? Whose absorbing the boom? Same with workmen's comp. When I was injured on the job I didn't choose to be injured, it happened. I was working in a fairly hazardous job.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: I got hurt, I went home, I had to draw workmen's comp. and as a result of that I had to cut into my savings that I'd been working on for quite some time, cut into them drastically, all because of something that wasn't my fault whatsoever. If we're doing good, if we're being prosperous across the whole state, not just urban and rural, the Governor, in a meeting with me the other night, said the whole state is being prosperous. Let's share that prosperity and especially with these folks that are hurt, many due to no fault of their own. If an employer is at fault and a worker has to go home, that employer should feel lucky that they are not paying the total wage. If I employ some people and have an unsafe situation, and someone is hurt as a result of that, I feel lucky that I don't have to pay their complete wage while they're at home off work.

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: They had nothing to do with it. This is simply fair and just. If we're booming, as everyone says, let's share the prosperity with these folks that are injured and help them bridge that gap, because I'm telling you, and I ain't lying, it's not easy, it's not easy to get by on workmen's comp with a wife, three kids, cars, house payments and on and on. I'd urge you, this is only fair and just, please support Senator McFarland's amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the McFarland amendment to the amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. All right, we're still rounding up one or two members. I think they're all here now. And the question is the adoption of the McFarland amendment to the amendment. Roll call vote, Mr. Clerk, please.