

employment situation so these people aren't destitute and left without recourse, and provide some protection against liability suits and those kind of things. The fact that the agreement was reached out of the Labor Committee just doesn't have any merit with me at all. I mean when you've got a gun at your head and you're with the AFL-CIO and labor groups and you're saying, you count the votes and you can't get it out of committee, it should have come out last year. It's been sitting there for two years now. That is no agreement, and I think that's disingenuous when someone says we've got an agreement, so therefore don't change it. I mean the agreement was coerced and unconscionable, in my view. I don't think that the AFL-CIO...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR McFARLAND: ...should have to be forced to accept the few jelly beans that were thrown on the table by the committee. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers, please, followed by Senators Nelson and Morrissey.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, the people who are affected by this bill, Senator Hefner, do the kind of jobs that can be described as the four D's. They are dirty, difficult, dangerous and dead end. The worse a job is, the worse the conditions the lower the pay the individual gets who has that job. If you can come to work with polished, manicured fingernails, a dress suit, necktie, white shirt, more or less clean, then you'll make more money than somebody who has to grub for a living and literally earn bread by the sweat of his or her face. Based on what some religious people say, that's the way God intended everybody to make a living, by the sweat of his or her face. But it seems like that kind of labor has fallen into contempt and the people who must do that kind of labor share in that attitude of contempt. I think it's regrettable and unfortunate. Senator Coordsen may be correct when he said that, under Senator Hall's amendment, somebody injured on one of these "quadruple D" jobs would take home a greater amount, or almost as much, if they were injured, as they would take home were they there to do the slave work. I say a take-home wage which is that minuscule is unfair, it is unconscionable, there should be laws to prevent an amount of money that low being considered adequate wage. So, if a person is on one of these "quadruple D" jobs and gets injured, that is