

almost like adding insult because the work is very difficult. In some of these jobs there is a likelihood a person will be injured. And to me \$88 a week is not a lot of money. A society should blush with shame to argue against allowing a person who is working, taking the only job made available, maybe hating that job every day that he or she reports to it, hating himself or herself for being reduced to that level, but trying to live up to the demand that society places that everybody work. Yet those who impose those kind of restrictions and standards, if that's what they can be called, would not dare to do such menial work themselves. This raise, from \$49 to \$88, is not going to defeat any fund. It is not going to break any employer, it is not going to make wealthy an injured worker. All it's going to do is make us a little less unethical in terms of exploiting people who are healthy enough to work and then carrying it over to a continued exploitation of those who are injured while working. Politicians regularly will say, I'm going to take my campaign to the coffee shops, to the working man, they should say working persons, but to the working people. And that sounds good. But when we have an opportunity to do something which really is just token in nature to help a person who has worked and been injured while working, this little we won't even do.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I have a difficult time conceptualizing how I, as a member of this Legislature, can be bound by an unconscionable agreement made by some people whose identity I don't even know. I'm not bound to vote the way some people who have a self-interest in exploiting working people would arrive at. I'm going to support Senator Hall's amendment, and I hope enough others will do so. Eighty-eight dollars, as Senator Coordsen even acknowledged, is not a lot of money. We're not raising the amount by \$88, we're raising the amount to \$88. So I hope there will be enough support for this amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I have not participated in this debate. But I want to tell you an actual incident that happened yesterday without, I believe it's public information and so on, or without revealing a business and so on. A horse trainer, Grand Island, Nebraska. As many of you know, a lady was very severely injured last year, or a year ago, year and a half ago, fell out of the saddle, caught her foot in