

the stirrup, drug along the rails, the rail line. Then we become back to our liability issue and Senator Conway's LB 159, then third party and even the maker of the rails and so on. But what I'm saying is the final word, and the word was said to me yesterday if that horse trainer had had workmen's comp, as he is supposed to have had and did not have, Arlene, you must enforce that or do something about it. It, frankly, would have or could have wiped, since it went back then to, well I just as well say it, Fonner Park, back to their workmen's comp and their insurance and so on, it could have wiped Fonner Park out entirely. So I want to tell you, workmen's comp is not necessarily an issue just for the working people, it is a benefit to the business people. And I'm just using that as an exact example what could happen or could happen to many. And that workmen's comp is also, I don't care whether it's construction industry or whatever, it works both ways. And so I'm just offering that to you that it is not only just working people, it is to an advantage of the business people, too.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Morrissey, please.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. Shall debate now cease? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Hall to close, please.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Nineteen seventy-three, 1973 was the last time that the floor was changed on this proposal. And it was changed by 20 percent, it went from \$40 to \$49. In 1973 I was a junior in high school. Senator Hefner was a young man. (Laughter.) Senator Haberman had his hearing (laughter), and Senator Warner was only ten years in the body. That's a long time ago, ladies and gentlemen. That's a long time ago. Lot of things have changed since then. Also, in 1973 the state's minimum wage was \$1.50, \$1.50, and \$49 was well above two-thirds of the state's minimum wage. All this amendment does is bring us to slightly under two-thirds of the state's minimum wage. It takes what was in law 17 years ago and it puts it into effect, makes it applicable