

in the regular sense of the word, you've got two people, two groups of folks starting in the middle, and then starting out on the edges and moving towards the middle. I wasn't directly involved with any of the compromises that took place with these bills, I was on the fringes of those compromises, so-called compromises. And it's not your typical definition of compromise. When you start out compromising and you're backed into the corner, from the beginning there is no place to go. The original bill, on this workmen's comp increase, asked for a \$50 increase, the compromise was \$10. You want 50, we'll give you ten. That's one heck of a compromise. And I must tell you, as I listened to the reports of how these negotiations went forward, I was disgusted, I was disgusted. I told the parties, I don't know if I can support the compromise, because the so-called compromise is so bad. And that's what we have here with the original bill. As for 50, we'll compromise, we'll give you 10. Well, that's real generous, real generous. It's not my kind of compromise and it's not my kind of fair deal. In addressing the partisanship of this vote I've spoke out many times in public, to the groups I address, on how pleased I am at this Legislature being pretty much nonpartisan, for the most part. It does come down to partisan votes in many cases, such as these where money for the working people versus money for the large business community is at question. I heard a speaker the other day that said, he told us how simple it was in Washington compared to Lincoln. Washington, it's all partisan, a Democrat introduces a bill, you vote for it; Republican introduces a bill, you vote against it, or vice versa. That sure is simple. Back here you've just got all kinds of considerations. And that kind of made me mad because I think partisan politics is really, really bad for the nation as a whole. To me it boils down to what is right, what is wrong. To me the issue, as originally brought, was right. The so-called compromise was wrong. What Senator Hall has, and brought back by Senator McFarland, are requesting is right. The people that vote, the working men and women in this state, it's good for them, it can help them out in a time of severe, severe stress. As I said, they didn't ask for the injury, it happened. It puts the entire family in a tense situation, uncertain of their future. What Senator Hall offered, what Senator McFarland is bringing back,...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...regardless of your party affiliation, throw that out the door, is it right or is it wrong. In my