

is right. I'll be able to say I did what was fair, what was equitable for the working men and women in this state. I hope you do too.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Morrissey, please.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members, I said just about all I could say yesterday on fairness and what is right and not worrying about the people that can necessarily finance a new campaign your next time around, but worry about the people that are going to end up voting, the majority of the people in your district, the working people in your district. It affects them all. It affects them all. The railroad is separate and distinct, as I said yesterday, under our federal act, but all their spouses are affected by this, most of their spouses. And, as has been said over and over, it's simply fair and just. The railroad law was enacted, it is called the Federal Employer Liability Act, because the railroad industry was such a hazardous industry to work in. And under that we have the right to sue because if they were negligent and caused us to be injured, we can take them to court and sue for damages, punitive damages. The railroads, every year, every single year, this year included, and there is a plan right now in effect trying, just to try it out with Amtrak, just Amtrak. Take away FELA, take away FELA, it's unfair, and it has been beat year after year after year because the case has been proven in Congress that the damages that can result from negligence in the safety, or safety in the work arena are definitely deterrents for these companies. And the railroads come back every year and say, get rid of it, we'd rather go to the state workmen's comp system, it's much fairer, much more fair for the working people. And that argument gets blown out of the water every year because the state systems are not more fair, and this is a perfect example of why the railroaders in Nebraska refuse to buy that argument because they see how this argument takes place in the Nebraska Legislature. They see the generosity in this compromise of \$10 a week. And if we don't adopt Senator McFarland's amendment, I'm considering offering an amendment of my own when we get back to the regular 10, the big, generous \$10 a week we're going to offer, because I'm afraid that they won't notice it. So I'm going to offer an amendment that that \$10 will be issued in a separate check to each of these injured workers because they probably might miss it. If they go out and buy two gallons of milk and two boxes of breakfast food to feed their children, they just blew that \$10, they just blew it and