

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hefner, would you respond to a question?

SENATOR CHIZEK: Senator, perhaps you could identify for me, as you know, I was over there from '71 through '78 and at that time they were governed quite extensively by things that the federal government would allow you to do and not do. Is that correct?

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Chizek, I don't know all the ins and outs of the state law or federal law.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Will this amendment stand a federal test?

SENATOR HEFNER: I don't know, as amended, whether it will or not.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Well, I guess what I'm wondering, if Senator Conway, if we're going to pay while they are getting treatment, Senator Conway has an appendicitis, and he is not available for work and then to have surgery, will we pay then, too?

SENATOR HEFNER: I guess I'd have to refer this to Senator Coordsen. He was the one that amended it.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Oh, I thought it was your bill.

SENATOR HEFNER: It was my amendment, but it was amended on the floor.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Then could I ask this question of Senator Coordsen?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Coordsen, would you respond.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Yes, Senator Chizek, the original bill, 1173, posed a number of the problems that you talk about in meeting all of the guidelines in state law, state regulation and also, as you're well aware...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...federal regulation. And so we spent about three weeks with the Department of Labor and my understanding...

SENATOR CHIZEK: Federal?