

SPEAKER BARRETT: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers' amendment reads as follows: (Read Chambers amendment found on page 1045 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you. I guess I am still coming from the position that what affects the employment relationship is unclear, and in connection with his or her duties is still not as clear as I would like to see it. It still leaves it open to the interpretation of the employer. This somewhat clarifies it but it doesn't make it crystal-clear in my mind, and that has been my problem all along, and I had asked for an explanation as the amendment now stands how that is clear, and what Senator Hefner always answered was, was if someone was driving a truck and they were caught. Well, yes, that is true, but that is covered under "when such use or possession is either upon the work site." Right there, when it is upon the work site, that is including in the truck would the work be included in the work site, in the company van moving wherever you are going, that is the work site. Every answer that has been given would be included on the first part of this sentence, the work site. And the rest of that is completely unneeded in my opinion because every time I have asked or anyone else has asked for a clarification, the clarification has stated a situation where the employer was working. It is obvious they were working, so why do we need to go beyond the fact that the possession or use was upon the work site, which would include company vehicles, traveling between jobs. Make that clear, but this ambiguous language about employment relationship is something we don't want to do, and that has been my point all along, and I continue to hold that point. I simply ask you has anyone convinced you any better than has been done on the floor, has anyone taken you off of the floor and convinced you that that is clear and convincing and it is needed? Every example I have been given would be included under the work site. And if that is the case, if that is the only examples they can come up with, why do we need any further language beyond that? I'd still urge you to vote against all the amendments and support the increases in unemployment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, followed by Senators Hefner and Abboud.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I