

minimum wage bill went through and that takes effect in April and that will cover the majority of those employers. So, at this time, I really don't see any necessity in suspending the rules and adding this onto a workmen's comp bill. The workmen's comp bill has quite a little in it already, and I think this would...there would be another subject in this bill and that would be the unemployment or the minimum wage bill to the workmen's comp bill. So I would urge you not to suspend the rules at this time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the body. Senator Hall, a question, please, if you would.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hall, would you respond?

SENATOR HALL: Yes.

SENATOR COORDSEN: In your opening on the germaneness ruling, did you address the grandfathering in the federal law? I was in a little extra conversation here.

SENATOR HALL: What grandfathering are you referring to?

SENATOR COORDSEN: In the federal law.

SENATOR HALL: You mean with regard to the...

SENATOR COORDSEN: One classification of employers.

SENATOR HALL: No.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Okay, thank you. I rise to oppose the germaneness motion. I think that the issue that we are talking about here, the state minimum wage, is a serious issue and it is one deserving the full attention of the body in a different situation than we have as an amendment on LB 313. During the process of hearing LB 901, the minimum wage increase, we found that the federal increase of the minimum wage statute had a rather unique feature and that was that the current law, federal minimum wage, takes effect at \$362,500 on up, and the current state minimum law takes effect for, based on the number of employees, up to a person that has gross sales in their business of \$362,500. The federal minimum wage law that was passed by