

afternoon, perhaps Monday, perhaps never. It's my personal opinion, as Business and Labor Committee Chairman, that the workers of Nebraska are entitled to an increase. This is why this bill was reported out of committee last year, it's why I shepherded the increase that, while not what many members would want, was certainly better than what we have. My interest in doing this is why I made these two bills early in the session priority bills of Business and Labor Committee. But if the will of this body is to act as we have and go on condoning what, by reasonable definition, would be illegal activities, and in doing so would deny to those people laid off for no fault of their own an increase in benefits, so it is written, so let it be. I would suggest that if you are in favor of the bill as written you would not support the bracket motion and weather through the amendments that are yet to come, and there are a number, one of which would strip the drug treatment program and 1062 from the bill and leave it with only the...with the original content of the bill, which is an increase in the worker's compensation. There is an IPP motion on the bill in the event that effort does not fall...does not pass.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: There are several other amendments that might be explained, if they're still on the bill when we get to them. The choice is yours. We have spent 12 hours or more of floor debate on this issue. I offer this bracket motion to allow you the opportunity to make a decision now, remembering all of those issues that still must be addressed. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. For discussion of the Coordsen motion to bracket the bill until April 9, 1990, Senator Hall, followed by Senators Lynch and Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise to oppose the bracket motion. And I do so because the issue here are two separate issues. We've got LB 315, which was advanced out of committee with an increase in the unemployment, an increase that the last time we saw one was in 1987, an \$8 increase. It was advanced out on an agreement between business and labor. And Senator Coordsen is accurate when he said he shepherded that through. What happened was that on General File we amended into that bill a disqualification provision, a disqualification provision that, if you look at the statutes for unemployment we were up...we were from A through S