

or adhering to what they believe to be right. But many times on this floor progress is measured by finding a solution of a type. And I guess the best of all compromises is that compromise that really none of the parties like. I would encourage again the defeat of this amendment, moving forward with the bill in its current form with no further amendments to provide an increase in compensation, a small step forward in the battle toward a drug-free work place, and an encouragement for employees who become addicted, for one reason or the other, to rid themselves of that addiction.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: That's the bill as we have it. I think it's a good bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Elmer. Thank you. Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. I don't want to belabor the point, but I've been hearing some arguments on the floor here that are really confusing me. I thought this would be fairly simple to do. I thought a lot of members agreed, a lot of the people on the floor thought, yes, this is what we should do. We got off on the wrong track. And I'm hearing we should defeat this amendment and go back to bracket it. And I asked why, why should we do that? Well, because we've got to have this disqualification. If someone is using drugs on the job, they should be disqualified. And I agree, but that's not what that strategy called for. It calls for defeating this, defeat the \$10 we're trying to give them, and then bracket the bill. In other words, do nothing. In other words, they're saying if we're going to give you, and I made this argument from day one, if we're going to give you workers a \$10 increase, you're not going to walk out of here without us jabbing you in the back, too. We'll give you \$10, but not unless we can impose all these drug testing policies on you. I said, a drug testing disqualification bill that didn't just slide out of committee, it had a hard time getting out of committee. And some people voted it out of committee because they didn't think it was going to go anywhere, it wouldn't have time to go anywhere. This is simple. Let's give them the \$10 increase. We're not making a statement that, yes, you can use drugs on the job, we're not making that statement. We're saying we're not yet convinced that disqualifying employees is the way