

What this information will provide is the base of information that we've always needed and always wanted to be able to better analyze the impacts of this legislation. We'll have to do it I guess independently of any particular staff or any particular mandate under the statutes but it will be done. And so, clearly, I think opening up 775 is the right thing to do and what we've proposed is a reasonable way to do it. It is less than I want, it is not what I had hoped for. I would have like to have had much more information, much more detailed even into individual companies and how much they are receiving, but in my estimation for now, for this time in place that we're at, this is the best I can hope for and I would not want any further amendments to the bill. I simply think that we should go forward with it and deal with the matter as we have worked it out and feel comfortable with that.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Moore, please, followed by Senator Schmit. I don't see Senator Moore. Senator Schmit, are you about?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members, I would have to oppose the Bernard-Stevens amendment and support the Wesely proposal. I appreciate what Senator Wesely is trying to do. I appreciate also the fact that it only took me a year to convince him that there might have been a problem with 775. The Lincoln press never reports that, Senator Wesely, and I don't really expect them to. They have pointed out some of the difficulties with 775 and some of the cost and that is very laudable. I think there is also another fact that we ought to remember; that notwithstanding where we happen to be relative to support or opposition of 775, that business has to operate as they see fit and what was wise in 1987 for business or wise in '88 or '89 or '90 may not be wise in 1991 or on down the road. Decisions are made based upon the economic facts of life and the CEOs of the various businesses are going to have to make those decisions on a day-by-day basis and there are going to be times when we stand on this floor and say, my golly, what a terrible thing happened. We mentioned the fact that earlier in the year local business had to roll back the salaries of some company employees from I believe around \$12 to 8.50 an hour. There is no section in the bill that penalizes that company for lowering the salaries of their employees. Had they reduced their employees by one-third, or by 30 percent, would have been a substantial penalty I am sure. But business can survive because business must survive in a very competitive world and as one of those fine gentlemen told