

SENATOR ROBINSON: Really?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yeah.

SENATOR ROBINSON: I can't believe that. I can't believe that. Now my last question is that since you don't know how many cases there are, I'm sure you probably couldn't answer this, but being on the Appropriations Committee, my question was, would this amendment raise taxes and impact our state budget in the next biennium?

SENATOR LINDSAY: If you look at LB 328 which is what this amendment came from, it has a fiscal impact of 25,000 I think. As far as they list, the risk manager I think lists it as an unknown amount.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Those are the kinds that I'm fearful of are those unknown.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yeah, it was unknown because they don't know if they will get any claims. I would assume, and I can't say for sure, I assume that the state, the state's work comp benefits would be paid. They don't have the same incentive that an insurance company does, it's not a profit centered entity, they don't have the same incentive that an insurance company would to not make the payments.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay, thank you very much for your answers.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I still stick by my guns. I say this is an attorneys' amendment. There is no need for it on this bill. LB 360 as amended is a good bill or I think it's a fairly good bill right now and I see no need for the Lindsay amendment. The Workmen's Comp Court sets these medical fee schedules now. I don't know if it's every year or every other year, but it's a lot current than it used to be and so, therefore, I'd just say that there is no use for the amendment because the employees will be paid, they will be paid by the workmen's comp insurance company. So I really don't see no need for this amendment and like I said before, if we get this amendment on, it could jeopardize the bill, so I would urge you to vote against the Lindsay amendment.