

material onto a pallet to be moved by that same forklift. The injury must occur at an identifiable point of time, requiring the employee to seek medical treatment. In all of the cases of compensation...compensable...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...cumulative trauma, this has happened, that there came a time, a bright line when the employer (sic) had pain that they could not continue in their employment and they sought medical care. And the third follows along with the second in that it must produce...the injury must produce objective symptoms, and that is pain, swelling, soreness, inability to move extremities, inability to bend, lift, whatever. So most all of the cumulative trauma cases that have been settled in Nebraska have been settled under that, would probably continue to be under this. And, Mr. Speaker, I will renew my light.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Morrissey, you're next.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, I rise to support Senator Will's amendment. I think cumulative trauma, as we should all realize, is very real. The problem is there is no...there isn't necessarily an exact date you can point to that, yes, this is when this happened. Now in the industry I work in they handed out a brochure a few years ago, probably about 10 years ago, that said basically working on the railroad your back will wear out, so please try and make it last as long as possible. You go and try and find that brochure anywhere now and they have all been shredded, I believe. You can't find them. And that's the way it is in many industries. And, in my working experiences, they tell you anytime you have a personal injury please turn in a PI, a personal injury form. We want you to do that ever if you're not sure it's a big deal, we ask you to do it. And, traditionally, if you did that, you caught some grief from the company then. They would send you a letter saying, say, by the way, you have about five or ten PIs here, what's your problem? Are you an unsafe worker? Now they're coming around on that in my industry now and they don't do that anymore but that has been the tradition. Now I don't know how other industries are. My understanding of the meatpacking industry is that they are still pretty much in the Dark Ages as far as that goes, as far as reporting a personal injury goes by