

provide the proper work environment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are you aware, Senator Jensen, that this bill would apply only to those companies that do the kind of things that the bill is aimed at correcting?

SENATOR JENSEN: Well, it would apply to any company that employs nonspeaking English employees.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, the chamber of commerce, as I said, has been very busy and they often give misinformation, partial information and try to cloud the issue by bringing up things that don't even apply. Senator Jensen mentioned where his ancestors came from and how they came to this country as immigrants. My ancestors came here as slaves, and I surely don't want that happy condition returned for my descendants, myself, nor do I want it for anybody else. So just because something had happened a long time ago doesn't mean that it's good. The purpose of government is to help people do those things which they cannot do themselves. And when we see a targeted population being treated unfairly and immorally, the government has an obligation to step in and help those people when they cannot help themselves.

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: As far as the penalties in this bill, the penalty is imposed, Senator Jensen, if a company intentionally and willfully gives false information. That's what will bring the penalty to bear. And I think that ought to be done otherwise we would have a toothless statement of what we feel we'd like to see, but it would not have the effect of a law because there's no enforcement provision. My time ran out before I could talk on Senator Bromm's amendment to the extent that I wanted to, but I'll turn my light back on.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bromm, on your amendment.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In response to something Senator Chambers mentioned, that if you strike Section 2 it takes out the limitation, the narrowing of the Beutler amendment that was stuck into the first line of Section 2. However, Senator Beutler ran another amendment which puts the same limitation on, in Section 3, which is on line 5, where he inserted the words limiting it to those whose workforce