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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Bromm a question, if he's available.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Yes, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Bromm, let's take the easy part first so that we can start from a point of commonality, if possible. In subsection 2 of Section 2 on page 2,...

SENATOR BROMM: Got it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, in line 27 is the word "primary", meaning that this employee has the primary responsibility of serving as this referral person. If we struck the word "primary" that would then mean that we have an employee among whose other duties is knowledge of where to refer people if they're having problems of the kind that are addressed by these agencies. If that word primary were stricken, would you have any objection to requiring the company to have somebody there who does know enough to make referrals for their workers?

SENATOR BROMM: It would make the provision more acceptable to me. I still don't like the idea of mandating the two things that are in this Section 2, but it would be better. That's all I think I can tell you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Let us say you have a company, and the one in Omaha can be mentioned because they are the ones who are not doing any of these things that should be done. And remember, I've brought this bill...I started bringing this bill about three years ago before the situation in Omaha surfaced, and it's because I was being invited by people in some of you all's districts to come help solve problems in your district that didn't involve me. And I'm not saying you, Senator Bromm, I'm talking to you, but in other districts around the state because they knew I had an interest.

SENATOR BROMM: I understand.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: There was no law which would give us a handle on the problem, so I was the one who first brought an earlier version of this bill. Now should a company be considered to be