

companies are covered under workmen's compensation, are they not? All right, so there is some...there is a type of relief there. And I know there is problems out here with these larger packing companies. The big ones, now you are talking about a packing plant like is in West Point, for instance, not a large packing plant, not by any means, but they run 2,000 head of cattle through that a day. Now 2,000 head of twelve, thirteen hundred pound cattle is one heck of a bunch of meat, and every time they get up to their standard of 2,000 head, then they sit down and think maybe...maybe we can get a hundred more, so they will speed that chain up just a little bit more. Really, and you can't blame that company, they want production and they want it now. Production at whose expense? Now the human body can only take so much production, and I realize that. After a while they are going to start slipshodding and they are going to get hurt, and that's usually what happens when the companies try to put too many...too much pressure on those employees. People do get hurt and, after all, you have to realize when you are working at a packing plant, it is a dangerous occupation and these things are going to happen. Now if you don't want to get hurt, try to get a job writing out those checks. I don't think too many people get carpal tunnel from writing out checks but you certainly do working a knife. And maybe this could be...I have a little problem with the small packer that maybe handles only 100 employ...has only 100 employees. Maybe this thing could be graduated out a little bit, a hundred...a packing plant or a production plant that has 100 employees isn't very big, but when you've got five, six, seven, eight thousand employees, as some of the larger packers have, then you are talking about a lot of people and a lot of problems, and trying to get that many people, I know, as I stated yesterday, we just don't have enough people that want to do that type of work. The companies have a lot of money invested in their operations, and the only way to get that money back is to have someone there working. But there also...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR JANSSEN: ...I believe there should be ..there should be some restrictions and some type of penalty for the companies that do misuse their employees and mislead them in bringing them to the State of Nebraska and saying that everything is rosy here, when it, unfortunately, isn't in the meat packing industry. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.