

promise these bills are about. They tell us the bill is about bringing good jobs but they oppose anything that would help our workers. Some of them make their living working for outfits that supposedly work with and for the workers, but then when we have a proposition such as this, they will do nothing to ensure that the workers get a decent break. Senator Hillman, I understand farmers don't want to do away with the target price. They don't want that done away with. They don't want the deficiency payments done away with. They want some guarantees and assurances.

SENATOR LANDIS: Time, Senator Chambers. Feel free to renew your light. Senator Schimek will be speaking next. Senator Schimek, you are the next to the last light. Senator Chambers has the last light on the measure so far.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the body, I haven't spoken on any of these three bills to date and I probably won't speak again, but this is an issue that is near and dear to my heart. Incidentally, I am supporting this bill and I will vote to advance it but I think that we are very remiss in not addressing this very important issue that Don keeps...Senator Wesely keeps trying to bring to our attention on the bills that we have before us. I had a...I introduced a bill into Revenue Committee this year, an economic development bill, and one of the reasons that I did it because I liked the provision in it that said that the benefits would apply if the particular business or industry paid at least the average wage of that particular industry. And I think it is absolutely critical that we address this issue and that we address it soon and that we make it one of the most important goals that we have for economic development in this state because it really does sometimes more harm than good to bring organizations or businesses or industries into this state and have a whole bunch of problems dumped on the communities in which those businesses or industries are located. In the long run, the state doesn't really gain that much and I think that it is very important that we think about that, that whole concept, and we think about the health care issue particularly. I remember last year we tried to address that on the ethanol bill. And I think that every time we have a bill that comes before us we should look at all...not only the wages but the benefits and particularly the health care benefits. So I'm going to vote for this bill whether this amendment gets attached or not, but I think it's a very important issue. I hope that more people will pay