

to them. They sue the state. They sue the state. But when has that ever been a basis for those who are in lockstep with business to say we should not give them these benefits? So we have an organization which is giving a voice to those who would otherwise not be heard. Maybe the fact that they raise these questions cause members of the Legislature to feel a bit of discomfort. They remind us that there are people with various types of disabilities which place them at a gross disadvantage in this society. Maybe the senators wish that nothing was said about those problems and then we could pretend that they did not exist. There are other people who are going to try to get amendments to this bill for substantial amounts of money. Here is an opportunity on the cheap for some of the senators on the eastern side of the state to do something for those on the western side of the state and, in this instance, we're doing something for people who need it the most. We will not spend \$25,000 and obtain more for it in any other program. We will not. I'm in favor of this. When we talk about prioritizing, which supposedly we are doing, I now, I'll vote against the ethanol bill. It's clear that I'm going to vote against and fight against LB 425. I've made it clear I'm going to be against LB 106, which is designed to help the veterinarians by giving them breaks on taxes and in those bills we're talking about multimillions of dollars, multimillions of dollars. Then we come to \$25,000 and we use this as an opportunity to attack an activity because most of the members on the floor of this Legislature kowtow to business but they hate the poor, they hate the disabled. They probably feel that if these people had not committed sins, they would not be disabled. We have an obligation and a responsibility to make government and governmental services accessible. It would be ridiculous to tell these...

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ..advocacy groups that we applaud you for assisting people who need your help but when the courts, whose doors are to be open to all citizens, is the only avenue left you have to stop at the door to the courthouse. We don't say that to businesses. I haven't heard Senator Hillman say that to any...or about any of these businesses that they shouldn't have the right to sue, that we should not give them all these benefits because businesses have sued the state and required millions of dollars to be returned to them in taxes that they paid. They don't ever say anything against business.