

of course, is an unknown. I think that's one of the things that was brought out in the, in the debate last Thursday. We really don't know, it might not be a significant impact. It might be a very significant impact. This is one of those things that's very hard to measure. Actuarially it will be very difficult to determine. And so it...the answer, the situation relative to costliness of it, I don't know that that's a good argument for or against. The issue and the question I would have for either Senator Will or Senator Wickersham, if they...when they get done visiting, if one of them... Senator Wickersham, I think you brought a point up. Could I ask you one quick question?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Senator, you mentioned there have been 40 cases in the last extended period of time, I think it was a considerable length of time relative to firefighters that, that got cancer. My question relative to those 40 cases, were they not able to receive benefits under, under current provisions of law? Did they receive partial benefits? Do you have any idea of what any of the end results were relative to those 40 cases?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: I don't know.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Okay. So it...I think it's, out of those 40 cases, it's obvious that some of them may not or they're beneficiaries, loved ones. may not have received a full compensation, and that certainly troubles me. There possibly could be some of those 40 cases that did receive benefits. I don't know. But I think it's important information for us to have. It's the type of information for those of us that were not around in 1994 and the numerous other times that Senator Will's worked on this bill, I think would have, would have been informative. The number of cases in various communities also would have been informative. So it's one of the part of this that is the queer turn of events in that we weren't able to have a real, real healthy deliberation for whatever reasons. And so it's one of those that's going to be a difficult vote I know for, for many of us. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Senator Wickersham.