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be the answer to your question.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, if you do shave that hair off it will call into question the credibility of your assertion that you're a reasonable man.

SENATOR LANDIS: I think it's only because you want me to show my gray hair just as you have gray hair.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I rise in strong support of this bill and I got interested in it this summer when a constituent came to me with problems that she was having with a real live self-insured entity in this city, and I have to assure you that it was repeated, repeated dragging of feet and repeated occasions in which she had to take the company to court. She kept winning, but she had to keep taking them to court. And I think that this bill would go a long way to solving the problem of the individual out there who is not being treated fairly by the particular entity that they are employed by. I think that a number of states do address this, these kinds of issues, in a variety of ways. I think that, as Senator Landis says, there is a big hole. I would very much encourage you to move this to Select File. And Senator Landis has pledged to work on this and I...that's what I've been telling people who have come to me, that I'm certain that Senator Landis will be glad to work on this. He is kind of the guru in the whole workmen's comp area. He was responsible for LB 77...757 and I have lots of confidence that he will get this all ironed out. So, with that, I would simply urge advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Further debate on the advancement of the bill? Senator Landis, you're recognized to close. He waives closing. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 331 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 331.