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can continue the discussion...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you have almost five minutes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Matzke, let me be more precise in what I said. I probably misspoke. The lobbyist may have been for the chamber of commerce, or one of the groups in support of the bill, and he had said that he hadn't thought of these particular things. And he was speaking in support of the bill, so I was questioning him. And I should not have given the impression that that lobbyist was the one who had drafted the bill or devised this language. But I will tell you all this, there have been times in the past when agencies of government have drafted legislation, and the legislation was found to be unconstitutional. Just because a lawyer works for an agency does not mean that he or she necessarily has crafted language that is going to pass or withstand judicial scrutiny. The mere fact that this comes from the Department of Labor means only one thing, that if a question of the kind that I'm raising were presented to the department for resolution, the department would rule against the unemployed worker, because the department wrote this language. So the department has an interest in upholding this language and ruling against the worker. If it's a worker who cannot obtain legal counsel, then this language will remain intact and in place. I don't know of many lawyers who would take a case such as this for an unemployed worker, if there was not an assurance of being compensated for his or her time. I don't know if lawyers, when they take these cases, are given legal fees. So I would like to ask Senator Matzke a question, based on his experience in this area.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Matzke, would you yield?

SENATOR MATZKE: Yes, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Matzke, if a lawyer represents an unemployed worker and prevails, are the lawyer's fees paid by...who pays the lawyer fees?

SENATOR MATZKE: By the unemployed worker. And as a matter of