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SENATOR CHAMBERS: And companies that lease employees can qualify also, isn't that true?

SENATOR MATZKE: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And such companies are specifically mentioned in this bill, isn't that true?

SENATOR MATZKE: That's correct. You're correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why are such companies specifically mentioned in this bill?

SENATOR MATZKE: Well, that's become part of the economic fabric of Nebraska is that many companies enter into agreements to, in effect, lease employees.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And leased employees don't get benefits, do they?

SENATOR MATZKE: Well, that would depend upon the lessor. That would depend on the company that hired them.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Matzke.

SENATOR MATZKE: And they could or could not.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, thank you very much. Members of the Legislature, I know what the term "leased employee" is designed to convey, but it conveys something different to me. It conveys something to me which is offensive. People are not leased. People have been bought, sold and traded in the past. People have been indentured in this country. Those things were to have been no more. Sharecroppers still exist in parts of this country and there are going to be some in Nebraska. But to talk about leasing people sounds very much to me like a man or a woman leasing a person for the night. What is wrong if somebody is in an economically disadvantaged position to lease himself or herself without the benefit of a pimp? Do you know what a pimp is? A pimp is one who makes arrangements between a seller and a buyer of human flesh for sexual gratification. And the term "pimp" is applied on the streets because that is designed to