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paychecks and told by a foreman, here's your check, you're terminated, leave the building. The Father, the Catholic Father serving these people in South Omaha says many workers are reluctant to speak up about working conditions in the meatpacking industry because they fear their undocumented status or the undocumented status of a relative or a friend will come to the attention of the INS. Jorge, who is one of those people, said...and he is here legally. He said the conditions at the plant are the worst for the undocumented workers. Most supervisors know who is undocumented and who is not, and they treat them that way, he said. Undocumented workers are afraid to complain. It's terrible for them.

SPEAKER BROMM PRESIDING

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SENATOR LANDIS: Rod Rehme, the workers' compensation attorney, said, look, it's you have some plants consciously realize that a lot of workers will never make a complaint or try to get paid for compensation for workplace injuries or back pay. That's the system. Hopefully, we will do something about it with this amendment. If we can't say these are not the jobs we should be "incenting," this is not the system that we are spending \$20 million per project to give incentives for, if we can't say that, at least let us say the Bromm amendment. I ask for the adoption of FA1206 as amended.

SPEAKER BROMM: You've heard the closing on FA1206. Members, all in favor please vote aye, and opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 42 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of FA1206.

SPEAKER BROMM: Next item on the bill, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next component of the committee amendments, FA1207, characterized as the wages and health insurance provisions. (Legislative Journal pages 1011-1013.)

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Landis, you're recognized to open on