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left side of the forehead, across the nose, down to the right side of the chin. They're the ones who might have lumps and bumps all over them, not because they've lost every fight but because they've been in fights and they demonstrate that they're willing to fight. They're willing to fight for those who cannot fight for themselves. They're not going to roll over the textile industry and the manufacturers. Down South they had slavery. Up North they had looms and an industry that wove the cotton. And you know what was described in those days? The unholy alliance between the lords of the lash, down South, and the lords of the loom,...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...up North, because they both exploited. Those black people in the South were called slaves. Those white people in the North, who worked for slave wages and under slave-like conditions, were called sweatshop workers. But the idea was that both groups were being exploited. Having derived from a history and a tradition of exploitation of human beings as property, I will not let the lobby, I will not let Senator Brashear, and I will not let Senator Landis change one whit what I believe. And if we are auctioning off our citizens and those in the rural area bring a lesser price, I will not have a part to play in it, but I will certainly talk about it. Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Thompson, you're next.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. It's a hard amendment for me because I believe very strongly in the importance of health insurance being part of our standards. But I'm willing. I'm willing to go there. I'm going to vote for this amendment and I'm going to vote, if it fails, I'm going to vote for the floor amendment. And we do have a legitimate reason. We're talking about setting wages. We're not setting wages. We're setting standards. We're setting standards, and you all have this book in your office for what cost, according to the Department of Revenue, what we're spending as a state through lost revenue in the year 2001 or