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day introduced.) On with discussion. Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I just wanted to discuss a little bit about what is happening in the community, like in my district. And there was some discussion yesterday about some of the largest hog producers not being...not providing workmen's comp for their employees. But I think two of the largest companies in Nebraska are in my district. I did make personal phone calls to the individuals yesterday, and they do provide the workmen's comp. So I went a little further and called another operator that owns and operates a 1,000-sow farrowing to finish operation. I asked him how many employees he had and what he was doing with the workmen's comp. He has six employees, including two of the family members, which means that there are four other ones that work in this operation. He does provide the workmen's comp for them, in addition to the health benefits for them. His workmen's comp for the four...for the six employees, two of which are family, is \$10,000 a year on this 1,000-sow operation. Which is a very large amount of money. But he feels that in his business he has to provide this, because when he needs to get employees to come to work in his operation, that is part of the process and part of the benefit that he needs to offer. He does also offer the insurance for it. And they utilize the insurance the majority of the time. And he says he has never used the workmen's comp, but he must provide that. I think it's very important. And I appreciate the fact that the amendment was withdrawn. And I am in totally support with the original bill of LB 210. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. President and members of the body, I just want to talk about it just a little bit too. And I'd like ask Senator Beutler a question, if I could.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, would you respond to a question from Senator Jones?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, of course.