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SENATOR JONES: Okay. Thank you. Well, anyway, just to talk about workers' comp, I still think that a family farm should be able to have their own insurance without this amendment. So Senator Beutler said that he was going to withdraw it, so I think that's a good idea. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jones. Senator Burling, on the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR BURLING: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I stand to oppose the amendment that Senator Beutler has said that he would withdraw. But I want to thank Senator Bromm for bringing this bill to the body. It is something that's been needed for years. As an ag employer for 40 years, I never ever thought even one second of not covering an employee with proper insurance. And so I always have. But there was always a question about clarity of the workmen's comp law regarding production agriculture employment. And so I support this bill. I think it's badly needed. I think it's a great improvement. The committee spent considerable amount of time discussing it and compromising, and this is what we came up with. So it's had a lot of attention. I think it's a good bill. And I think it's important to say what we're saying in it for guidelines. And don't forget that any potential employee, I think, should demand of that employer proper insurance, or don't go to work there. That's still available. That's still their right. So as far as legislation is concerned, statute, I think this is a big improvement. And I urge your support of LB 210. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Burling. Senator Kremer, on the Beutler amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members of the body. I would just like to comment a few observations, and maybe ask Senator Beutler a couple questions a little later on. But it follows a little bit along the line of what Senator Stuthman had. I did contact a commercial feedlot that I know, and just asked them what their experience was with workmen's comp and what they carried. He mentioned they have eight employees, and they do not cover workmen's comp on himself, the