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SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, my point is basically this. Would you think it was reasonable to provide a notice to employees in the event that they're not covered by workers' comp, given the fact that that's the only occupation where they're not covered?

SENATOR BURLING: I think the employer should notify the employees of what insurance is available. I don't think it should be in the statute, but I think it's something that ought to be expected of an employee and that every employer should do.

SENATOR BEUTLER: But you would think it was not appropriate to put that in statute?

SENATOR BURLING: Not that they notify the employee. Even though they should

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR BURLING: I don't think it needs to be in statute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Let me ask you, you indicated that there had been a lot of talk and negotiation on this matter. Who represented the workers in all this talk and negotiation, either in front of the committee or...

SENATOR BURLING: Well, I don't remember...

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...in the interim, or...

SENATOR BURLING: I don't remember all the testimony. But in the committee, I think we had a very good discussion in committee. I think we all entered into the discussion in Executive Session, and represented both employer and workers as we came up with LB 210.

SENATOR BEUTLER: In the interim, was there a group that met and talked about the problem and came up with this solution? Where did this solution come from?

SENATOR BURLING: I can't answer that question, Senator Beutler. I'm just a new member on the Business and Labor Committee this