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think the focus is important to be on the injured worker. And in this case, perhaps he was doing something he didn't necessarily need to do, but in the interest of time, when he was pushed, he did what he thought was important to do, got the cattle...got the cow roped and got it moved and got it where it needed to be. And apparently...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR PREISTER: ...he's able to continue doing the work that he wanted to do outside of the job. The only other question is, was there time off when he couldn't work as a result of that thumb being healed? And was he paid for that? Was there some disability insurance or some compensation through the insurance policy? Or was he just out of that money during that interim of healing?

SPEAKER BROMM: He was paid by the employer until he said he wasn't going to come back to work, and then not paid anymore. He was...he did also get on disability, as I understand it. The weeks of work that he actually...for the statutory period of time, the employer has to pay the weekly wage under the Work Comp Act in this case. So that's...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Preister. Senator Bromm, followed by Senator Preister.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Preister, do you care for any more time, that I took a long time to answer that? Thank you. I want to follow up a little bit on Senator Beutler's question about workers being involved in the framework of the provisions of this bill. And the committee counsel, as well as myself and my staff, I think, spent a considerable amount of time with the administrator of the Workers' Compensation Court. The Workers' Compensation Court, I believe it's fair to say, starts from the premise that all workers should be covered. And I think they would say that, and I think that's a fair statement. So in our