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beyond that, the work is seasonal for a great many of them. Again, emphasizing the need of these people for the minimal protections that we afford every other worker in every other sector of our economy. And with that, Senator Cudaback, I'll withdraw the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The amendment is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment, Senator Beutler, AM1114.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, you're recognized to open on AM1114 to AM0926, which is Business and Labor's committee amendments to LB 210.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'd withdraw that amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn. Mr...next amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Connealy would move to amend. (AM1093, Legislative Journal page 1129.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Connealy. Is Senator Connealy on the floor? Senator Connealy, your amendment is up. Senator Connealy? Here he comes. Excuse me. Senator Connealy, you're recognized to open on AM1093 to the Business and Labor Committee amendments, AM0926.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. President. And I'm sorry I was out. This amendment would reestablish funding for workforce safety. The Workplace Safety Consultation Program was...is to be terminated this week. The program started in 1993. It was supposed to be self-funded. There has been a failure to properly secure funding for this program, and its termination is proposed by the Department of Labor, even though that's not what we were told was going to happen. The program was originally funded by a quarter of one percent assessment of the gross amount of direct writing premiums received by insurance companies doing business in Nebraska, as well as the equivalency from risk management pools of self-insureds for workers'