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future well. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. You've heard the opening on the Beutler amendment, FA1256, to the committee amendments. Open. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of the Beutler amendment, Senator Connealy.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Waive.

SENATOR CUDABACK: He waives that off. Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. This strikes the area that I did have an amendment adopted yesterday dealing with...my amendment was straightforward, defined how we figure this 60 percent of the commercial operation, if you will, was family and who was not. But I rise in opposition to Senator Beutler's amendment. I...and the practical matter here is I'm afraid we may force some small family operations to simply be in violation of the statutes. I'm not sure that they can get workmen's comp. We're going to make the effort, I guess. They may just voluntarily violate this if we do strike this and not cover their family members with workmen's comp. But we're talking here what I consider small family operations. They may farm a lot of land and they may feed quite a few cattle, but we're still talking three or four people here that I don't...if forced to get workmen's comp, I don't know whether they can get it, number one; and if they can get it, at what price. Everybody is going to say, well, they can get it, but at what price? There's been estimates as high as \$27,000 here for a small family operation for workmen's comp with just a few employees. I don't know whether that's reasonable or not. I've heard the figure twice now this morning from people that I would think should know. But I have to think we need to provide something here for what I consider, in today's agricultural production climate, still a small...a small family...a group of family members here, and they're generally a father, son, or a grandfather and his grandson, something like that, or maybe an uncle and a nephew or niece. We need to leave some sort of an exemption in here for these people because, number one, if they can get this workmen's comp, are they big enough to be able to afford it with a minimal number of employees? So that's why I