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Committee, I think it deals with a different facet of workmen's comp. I think that the Business and Labor Committee is going to be studying some of these workmen's comp issues over the interim. And rather than deal with this one at this time, on Final Reading, without appropriate time, when people are wanting to get home, when people have other things on their mind, and may not fully understand the limitations that this will place on injured workers, I think is not the appropriate time, nor the appropriate way, and certainly think that overruling the Chair is appropriate at this time, and would ask others to also agree with me and vote in favor of overruling the Chair. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Preister. You've heard the closing. Members, I'll restate the question here. The question is, shall the Chair be overruled? The ruling of the Chair was that the proposed amendment is germane. The vote that will be required is a majority of those present. And therefore, the vote to overrule the Chair would require 22 votes. All in favor of overruling the Chair vote aye, and those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 4 ayes, 26 nays on the motion to overrule the Chair, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BROMM: The Chair is not overruled. We'll proceed with further discussion on the amendment. Senator Connealy.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. This is Final Reading, on a bill that we've worked on for a long time. I think that we're putting a somewhat controversial piece on a bill at the end. It came out of Business and Labor with only four positive votes. It did have opposition in committee. It may be the right way to go, but I think it's also tough process to be putting this kind of bill on another bill on Final Reading. So I'm not comfortable in doing that. I'm not comfortable without the whole process of the two rounds of debate ahead of this. And so I'm rising in opposition to this amendment.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Connealy. Senator Bourne.