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suggesting to you is an amendment that means roughly...and nobody can say for sure, because it's a somewhat nebulous thing...but means roughly the current system we have in place is going to continue in terms of the bigger operations being covered, and the smaller operations, the vast majority, probably 80 percent of operations, under this amendment, or more, would not be required to have workers' comp. But the largest operations would. And that's kind of roughly what we have today, in hard-to-define terms, frankly. So that's the nature of the amendment, and I'd be interested in your feedback. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. You've heard the opening on AM1575, offered by Senator Beutler to LB 210. Open for discussion on that amendment. Senator Beutler, there are no...you may speak, Senator Beutler, followed by Senator Connealy. Senator Beutler? Senator...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. I would pass for right now, Senator Cudaback, and let Senator Connealy speak a little bit.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Connealy.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I'm a cosponsor on this bill. This bill comes out of the fact that we have had a traditional exemption for agriculture for workers' comp. But there was a court case last year that said that if you were in certain circumstances, feeding other people's livestock, that you'd be...you should be under the system. We need to set a line. Senator Bromm's current bill sets a line for nonrelated employees and certain amount of ownership. Senator Brashear's amendment...Senator Beutler's amendment says that it's eight nonrelated employees. That's relatively low. We're in some negotiation with it. We agree to a number maybe higher than that, and have this bright line. We do need to set some line for workers' comp so that employers and employees understand who needs to be in the system and who needs to be out, so that people aren't caught. We've had cases where employers are trying to everything they can to make sure that they're dotting all the "i's" and crossing all the "t's" and