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we're talking about accidents on the job. We're talking about workers' compensation for situations that occurred and that were job related, and were an accident as a result of that employment. And for them to be covered by workmen's comp as a result of that I think is the heart of this portion of our state legislation. So Senator Beutler's amendment in taking the 40 percent component out of the bill that's currently before us I think is good public policy. He then goes on to compromise and say, rather than just six employees, if you have eight employees you would still be exempted out. I think that's better public policy than having this rule in statute that is currently in LB 210. And so I rise in support of Senator Beutler's amendment, and the underlying concept of what he's working at doing. And I would hope that we could adopt the amendment and then move on. I think it does essentially what Senator Bromm wanted to do initially, but doesn't go far beyond the scope of what I think is attempting to be done as a result of the court decision. With that, I would ask that this amendment, AM1575, be adopted to LB 210. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Preister. Senator Louden on the Beutler amendment. Is Senator Louden available? He is.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members of the body. I appreciate Senator Bromm bringing this bill forward and working as far through as we have. There seems to be some problems with the percentage of the income, or how much an employer's gross income is, from...whether they're farming on their own, or ranching on their own, or feeding cattle on their own. Somewhere along the line, I suppose there had to be a number. But I think the six number that we have for six employees was probably the one that would take care of most of the farming and ranchers that don't have to be concerned about the workmen's compensation. First of all, workmen's compensation is getting to be a problem anyway for these smaller operators, because a lot of the companies aren't selling it in the state of Nebraska. And I've already got several small businesses that are complaining now that they can't get workmen's compensation anymore, and the premiums are going sky-high. So I think it's probably been a matter of time that we'll have the same problem in the farming and ranching business