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that the commissioner of the Department of Labor will do when so much of what they do is harmful to the workers. I do not believe this bill is in the best interest of working people in this state. Because of the hard work that I did and the hardhearted stance I took toward this bill, some modifications were made that mitigated the damage that would be done. But not all of the injustices have been removed from this bill. I have no doubt that Senator Cunningham believes in what he's doing. I just don't see life the same way he does. Because of all the work that others have done, I'm not going to do everything in my power to stop this bill. There are some essential portions of it, that means they are necessary, and I recognize that. We don't always get what we want. But I'm going to write a little rhyme for Senator Cunningham and others on this floor who believe in having a preacher pray up there every morning, a genuine preacher who is certified and stamped as approved to be a preacher. We have ad hoc preachers among the members of the Legislature, we have fly-by-night preachers, we have freelance preachers, and all of them stand up there and ask the same thing. There's an expression, be careful what you ask for or pray for because you may get it. Well, what my little rhyme will have is this message--you got what you asked for, but it was not what you wanted. People don't think about the consequences of their words. That's why, if there is somebody sitting up there in the sky, the big guy, the answer to most prayers is, no, you don't know what you're asking, you don't know what you're talking about; I'm not a messenger boy, I'm not a flunky, I'm not a gopher; you're smaller than a microbe to me and you're going to dictate to me what I must do, what I am, what I think, what I mean, what I'm going to do with those creatures that I created? Now, if there is a big guy, that's the nature of the big guy that I would create. Others on this floor have had a big guy created for them and their big guy can be dictated to. That's why prayers which don't even catch the interest of the senators are uttered, I should say mouthed, every morning. You ought to get rid of it. And I told you if you'd stop doing that, I'd stop bringing up the "Bibble" and these other kinds of religious matters. But if you're going to inject it into our proceedings every day that we meet, then I'm going to offer my point of view on religion, the "Bibble" and all these other things, and you have no right whatsoever to take