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revoke a self-insurer status of somebody who is promising to self-insure but failing their workers. Section 9 allows the AG, for monetary penalties against an employer who's supposed to cover...have coverage but, in fact, is flying under the radar and doesn't have coverage. Attorney General can bring an action for a failure to comply with claims handling standards, voc-rehab services and costs. And what happens under this is that the Attorney General is permitted only upon the request of the compensation court administrator to initiate these procedures. So it starts with the administrator, goes to the AG and then comes back to the court. There are two other smaller changes that relate to bills that were before the committee and reported out. One was by Senator Loudon, LB 395, and it says that when ranchers and farmers help one another on an occasional basis, that kind of labor is exempt from the workers' comp law. Senator Burling had LB 532, and we've incorporated a piece of provision that says...it clarifies that an employer who is a farmer or a rancher and who does not employ enough people to be required to provide workers' compensation must still provide unrelated employees a specific notice of this fact at the time of hire. They will not have to require related employees with that notice of the fact at the time because there is no hiring at that point. So I would ask for the adoption of AM1671.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. You've heard the opening on the Landis amendment, AM1671, to LB 13. Open for discussion. Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. As Senator Landis stated, these bills all were heard in the Business and Labor Committee. And LB 12, the first one, the majority of this amendment, came out of committee with a 6 to 0 vote. And I don't have the numbers on the other two but they were supported by the committee. So I do stand up in support of this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Cunningham. Further discussion on the Landis amendment? Seeing none, Senator Landis...Senator Landis waives closing. The question before the body is adoption of AM1671 to LB 13. All in favor of the motion vote aye; those opposed, nay. The question before the body is