

it is the villages, it is the school districts, this will mean an increase of from 3 to 5 percent in their costs, instead of the 17 percent which \$235 a week would mean. I would urge that you consider and adopt this amendment to Senator Schmit's amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vickers. We are on the amendment to the amendment, the Goll amendment to the Schmit amendment.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I rise to oppose the Goll amendment. Senator Goll was just indicating to us the difficulties, financially, with business in this state. He was talking about an implement dealer in his county, and a car dealer in his county that had gone out of business. He also indicated that the situation was because of the depressed agricultural economy. I certainly do not disagree with that. It seems to me that we had ought to be concerned about what is happening to the agricultural economy. I raise beef, I raise meat. If an individual is hurt in this state, hurt through their employment, through no fault of their own, I don't agree with those people that seem to think that people go out and get themselves hurt on purpose. What Senator Goll is suggesting is that we want to be very careful we don't raise the amount of dollars that that person might get as a result of being hurt because it might, somehow, damage business. Well, the business of agriculture depends on people buying their products. I, for one, would sure as heck hope that that person that is injured has enough money, I know they are not going to have enough money to buy a T-bone steak, but I hope to heck they got enough money to buy hamburger. I hope they've got enough money to buy some sausage or a hot dog because they are the people I depend on. I don't depend on those car dealers and those implement dealers totally for my business. Car dealers and implement dealers eat. But there is a heck of a lot more folks out there who are employees who depend on this type of situation that eat than there are those employers. I've got an amendment coming up. Senator Goll also mentioned that if we make it too high it is going to be difficult to get industry to come into the State of Nebraska, and that the cost of workers compensation is one of those things that industry looks at. I've got an amendment coming up, and I just got through having the Pages hand out and they should be laying on your desk some figures showing how the surrounding states deal with workers compensation. They use a statewide weekly average, their