

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, something happened this morning on my way to the Legislature that I construed as a very evil omen. I didn't know what it was pertaining to but I think it pertains to the fate of LB 184. I don't think the bill ought to be indefinitely postponed. I doubt that anything I could say as an argument against its indefinite postponement would change anybody's mind, but again on the possibility that there are a few people who haven't decided to vote one way or the other, I wish you would vote against the indefinite postponement. I'll suggest something else to you, but before I do that, may I ask Senator DeCamp a question if he would yield. Senator DeCamp, would you yield to a question, please?

SENATOR DeCAMP: I was just thinking of asking you one, but go ahead.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right, and I will reciprocate. You stated that a bill like this requiring farmers to be...to cover their employees when their payroll is over \$1000 in one calendar year, to require a farmer with a payroll like that to be covered by this bill would hurt the individual farmer. Is that correct?

SENATOR DeCAMP: No, that is not completely correct. It's a much broader statement than that. I said that it would hurt, not only the individual farmer but the potential employee because he wouldn't be a potential employee, he'd be somebody on welfare.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right. Now, what about the worker. Suppose a man were working for a farmer and he was driving a tractor across the field and he got his foot caught in one of the mechanisms and it cut his foot off. What recourse would he have...

SENATOR DeCAMP: Then, he would not have a foot. Right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's true, but see, the difference between you and me. You see the fact but I see the fact and the implications that that fact bring into existence.

SENATOR DeCAMP: OK.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, what is going to happen to that individual in terms of lost income?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Of course, anybody that has ever been questioned by Senator Chambers knows they have to be very careful or they are led down the rosy path. No, I would have to say you have given a hypothetical. I would ask instead of hypothetical, statistics to show me cases if there is a serious problem because I can give you hypotheticals to show that if we...you know, I could say well what happens if we are getting people on earth hit by meteorites. Well, what should we do about it? And you would say, well there aren't that many people getting hit by meteorites. So I am asking you to give me data to prove there is a problem.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Because of the fact that I don't have the article with me, what I cited to you is an actual case. This tractor was pulling some kind of piece of equipment and something clogged and the man tried to reach into it to stop it and somehow his trousers leg got caught, his leg was pulled into something that could cut his foot off and his foot was cut off. He had no way...

SENATOR DeCAMP: I am intimate with (inaudible) familiar with the case. I took the depositions on it. It occurred up around Elgin, Nebraska. If you will check the records, there