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Compensation. So Senator Kennedy, we do have a problem if you look beyond the people that are trying to kill this bill, and look to the employee. Go talk to the employee once in awhile you will find out that there is definitely a problem.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter will you please turn on your light after this, I'm going to recognize you, but I have people standing up all over this floor at times and I can't tell. Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: This is out of order. I want to be excused because I have made other arrangements. That weren't available yesterday. And I'll not be here the rest of the day, and also Senator Anderson is going to attempt to take care of the Resolution 133 for me and also because he believes in it and also which is the Normal School Board. That I want to be excused, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The business of order is that Senator Carpenter be excused. Senator Keyes. You had your light on. He just talked. Excuse me. Senator Stull.

SENATOR STULL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I've had a little experience in this area and the people that we are carrying their compensation insurance, they gave us special instructions in case of an eye injury to take the person to an eye specialist, and I think in the case of broken bones, sometimes you would want to go to a specialist. Now if we would pass this law, I think the first of all, they would take them to the family physician, and you probably would lose some valuable time. It was my experience that the insurance company, they really wanted you to go the best qualified physician, so there wouldn't be any after affects.

PRESIDENT: The Chair would remind the body that we are talking on the...supposed to be talking on the Moylan amendment. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, I'll be brief and my comments on this amendments will also stand for any comments I would make on the bill in the interest of time. I'm in favor of the bill. I don't see any harm that it can cause. The only thing that I see, that is really a problem, if you allow company to limit or restrict an employee as to whom that employee can see as a doctor. Is similar to establishing a company union. Where the union belongs to the company. Is beholden to the company. Carries out the companies will. On the other hand without talking about the integrity of any doctor, I think any doctor who is licensed to practice can presume to have a much confidence or integrity as any other doctor. Between doctor and patient there is a relationship of trust which must be established. And I think the person who is injured should have a right to select his or her own doctor, and I think all Senator Moylan amendment does is tighten the bill up to some extent.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: My inquiry in regard to this, and I hope someone has taken this consideration. And I presume you folks who have very large associations with companies doctors. Out in my area we don't have company doctors. These people just go to the doctor they want. But of course they have a definition of what a doctor is and I don't believe this legislative bill has any definition