

Legislature, I get a little tired and possibly a little bit upset when time, after time we rise here and talk about the cost of doing business. As a housewife for many years, and a mother, and now a grandmother with grandchildren of my own, I say that it is a cost to a family to do business. I consider raising a family and maintaining a home a very precious business. When you have people that are the breadwinner of the family, say the husband is hurt, and I can recall two years ago, and I've said this before on the floor of the Legislature, my nephew went down to a pit at the sewage treatment plant and inhaled some toxic gas. Had he lived, unfortunately, he died, had he lived he had three children and a wife to support, a mortgage, insurance, and he would have been disabled for his entire life because he had brain damage. My son-in-law, just two months ago, was up on a high scaffold, changing light bulbs at the Benson ice skating rink, and the rubber mat slipped on the ice and he fell down. He had a very bad gash, from the tip of his eyebrow to his hairline. He had a skull fracture, he had a broken knee and he was in a cast for three or four months, was unable to work. He has three children. Now the cost of raising that family, and maintaining that home was very important to my nephew and to my son-in-law. There was no possible way they could live on workmen's comp. Fortunately, the city pays full wages when you are hurt on the job because they are self-insured. I think that the modest income, as Senator Barrett says, of \$10 is more than enough, what can you buy for \$10 today, especially when the utility rates are going up, the house payment is there, the insurance and the education of those three children from both families? I say that \$200, you are hurt on the job, for God's sake, you are not unemployed. You cannot go back to work, you cannot take any other work, \$200...\$235 still isn't enough to raise that family and to take care of the mortgage to allow that family to live in their home. Let's be a little bit compassionate for the person that is a good employee, will do anything that the superintendent asks him to do, go up 500 feet in the air and change a light bulb is a very dangerous job. Yet I have a son-in-law that has to do that and has three children. If he gets hurt on the job, if he falls there is no way he would ever make it or live because when he fell just from a short way, on a step ladder, he was injured for four months, he was not able to work. Thank God, he got his full pay from the City of Omaha. We're talking about private business. If you've got a good employee that will do those dangerous jobs, then he