

should be compensated if he does happen to get hurt on the job. He's got to think of his family. Like Senator Vickers says, if we don't like workmen's comp. let's do away with it. Let's see what type of lawsuits, what type of lawsuit my son-in-law and my nephew would have against their employer for the injuries they received. My son-in-law will have to be operated on again on his knee in possibly six months. So I'm saying that \$200-\$210 is not enough to pay that family for being a good employee, doing the things that are dangerous on the job. It is all right when you are a secretary and you are sitting behind the desk and there is no danger involved there. But when you have people that have to do the jobs that you and I wouldn't do, none of us would go up on a scaffold to repair this ceiling for fear that we would fall down and hurt ourselves and possibly not be able to take care of our family, and to go the rest of your life on \$200, even if it had to be six months or a year, it is absolutely ridiculous to expect them to live on that type of money. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT MCGINLEY PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit. Senator Hefner is next.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would just like to concur with what Senator Labeledz has said. I want to point out that as a businessman we pay all kinds of insurance. We pay insurance on our property. We pay insurance on...we guard against sickness and accident. We guard against theft. We guard against all sorts of things. We buy life insurance. We provide all sorts of benefits. I don't think there is any one of those single benefits that is as important to the employer as the workmen's comp. I had an employee that was killed on the job one time, a very unfortunate incident. I couldn't be sued. That is what I paid that insurance for. I think it is extremely important you understand we look at it from the standpoint of the dollars in the pocket of the individual. When I drive through Wahoo and see my friend who is in a wheelchair, who will get \$180 a month for the rest of his life, \$180, I think we understand what we are talking about. I think we ought to recognize these benefits are reasonable. I think we know that as a business person you've got to pay for protection. The last thing an employer needs is to be taken into court time, after time, after time by employees. We know that not all employees are saints, as are not all