

afford any increase of any consequence whatsoever to the amount of money that a person injured on the job might get, regardless of the fact that they may have payments to those same businesses that they are going to have to make, be they car payments, TV payments, or whatever, regardless of the fact that these people are injured and suffering as a result of action not under their control. So business is telling us, because of this severe agricultural problem we are so concerned about, we are going to have people in a situation where they probably can't buy as many of the products that agriculture produces. Business is doing to us just about like the federal government does. They are going to help us so much they are going to continue to put us out of business. I'm getting a little tired of that kind of treatment so I guess I probably, because I know it is the right thing to do, I'll probably wind up voting for the Schmit amendment. But I suspect it won't go. So I'm going to have an amendment up there to do what probably business would love me for, I'm going to lower it to \$100. I mean if they want to help us so much, help business so much, let's really help them. Let's give them a great break, then everybody will move to the State of Nebraska because we are going to kick the heck out of people that get hurt. Then maybe the courts will do what the courts tend to do. The next time somebody is severely injured, loses an arm or something because of negligence on the part of an employer, and the law says it is only \$100, the courts will say that is unreasonable and allow that employee to sue the pants off that employer. Maybe the people out back of the glass doors will come to us and say, you know, by golly, workers comp. was not such a bad idea after all, having insurance like that is pretty damn cheap, and having the coverage up to where we are protected is probably reasonable. It is amazing to me that this state that is so progressive in a lot of ways, builds such a beautiful building, now is in a position where we look at all the states around us which are considerably higher than our state and say, goodness sakes, we cannot do this to the poor businesses because they are hurting because of poor old agriculture. Who stands on this floor supporting this increase? Does anybody in this body think Senator Schmit and I are not suffering because of the agricultural economy? Yet the business people are telling us we can't do this because of poor old agriculture. I never heard such a bunch of hypocritical talk in my life. I'm getting tired of it. I don't know, Senator Schmit, whether I want to help you or not. I think maybe we ought