

to just roll over and let business have what they want, give them a great break, let somebody sue the heck out of them. Then maybe we'll be able to recognize the wonderful state that we are in here in the State of Nebraska. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers, then Senator Higgins.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, so many times on this floor some of us are put through agony by what the Legislature does that reveals a type of callousness which is difficult to understand. I know there are senators in here who work for various businesses, the phone company, insurance companies, automobile dealerships, and so forth. They are well-heeled, well-financed and they can bludgeon the Legislature into submission while pretending to be concerned about the safety of the public as an example. Safety, safety, safety is what we've been hearing for a good long time. Now we're talking about a situation where an individual working for one of these businesses is injured. Suddenly the concern for the safety is out the window, and it shows the hypocrisy of all the other yammering, as I refer to it, in the past few days. Concern about safety, we are talking now about a person injured, a person injured. And this Legislature which has been bowing to the auto industry, pretending to be so concerned about safety, is now saying when a citizen of the State of Nebraska is injured, pursuant to his or her occupation, the Legislature is not going to allow a decent amount of money by way of compensation for that injury to be accorded that individual. That is what causes the agony, because a strong inclination rises up in me to talk in a very satirical vein about the inconsistency that occurs in this body. But if people's consciences have already been purchased, there is nothing I can say by way of satire that will move them from that position because it is not a principled position anyway. It is a knee jerk reaction and a bowing to this so called entity named "business". Business should not be designed to do business to the citizens of this state. What is more important? The human beings in the state or abstractions? I know that businesses contribute money to the campaign of various senators. But do you notice how, on so many occasions, people stand on this floor and pretend to talk like they've got principles, and say I'm here to represent my constituents, I'm here to