

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Mr. Chairman and members, I won't belabor the point. We've explained the amendment. Basically what the amendment does is add to the bill the 1 million and \$5 million caps. Remember now we're talking about the employees. The 1 million and \$5 million caps that we have in place are already there. They were done by virtue of LB 14 of special session 1985, second special session, and those are there. What we're trying to do is bring the employees in line with the political subdivision for which they are under the employ. That's what the amendment does. It amends the bill, then we can talk about the bill after the amendment is on there because it is a rewrite of the bill, but I would move for its advancement.

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Well, I would just raise a question since the bill is on General File and have Senator Hannibal think about it. In the view of the fact that this deals with "the employee" as opposed to the subdivision itself, the entire municipality, is it appropriate that the limits be this high, the 1 million, 5 million, or is it possible you should have a lower threshold, a lower limit cap and at least give that some thought.

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, Senator DeCamp has to be joking. I know that not many people are listening to this bill because the political subdivisions have told the senators how to vote, they have told them don't accept any amendment and I know that. But I also know that if John raised his staff and said, accept this amendment, it would be accepted, whatever the amendment would be. I could put an amendment on to abolish the death penalty and if John said, accept this, it would be accepted. I've seen it happen too many times this session. It's a bad way to legislate, but it's good work by the lobbyists for the political subdivisions. Whatever they are paid, they should get a raise. Whatever they've been paid, they should get a raise. They will do anything that their employer tells them to do. Yet at other times when they're not functioning as a lobbyist, because I've had some of them talk to me, they speak in all these compassionate caring terms, but I don't separate a person when they're paid from when they're not paid. They are one individual