

SENATOR WILL: Mr. Clerk, is this AM3340?

CLERK: Yes, sir.

SENATOR WILL: I would like to withdraw that amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment, Senator Lindsay, I have AM3522, Senator.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Lindsay.

CLERK: And you want to withdraw, right?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yes, I would ask to withdraw 3522 and substitute AM3582. (Lindsay amendment appears on page 1585 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: No objection, so ordered. Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Mr. Clerk, is the 3522 printed in the Journal?

CLERK: Yes, sir, 1414 of the Journal.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members of the body, the amendment which has been substituted is AM3582. It is identical to AM3522 except that it is drafted to the correct amendment because of changes that were made I guess at General File. So if you look on page 1414 of the Journal, that is what the amendment is. In a nutshell, what this will do, well, let me back up and I guess just give you a story of what happens under the law in work comp as it exists right now. There's a case that I'm aware of, I've talked to an attorney in Omaha who represents a client who was injured, is now under a permanent partial disability and gets a relatively small compensation on an ongoing basis and has no problem getting the compensation. That comes every week like it's supposed to. The insurance company is very good about sending that and that's because there are penalty provisions which apply to compensation payments. The problem comes in is when this woman goes for medical treatment for her compensable injury, which she has to have ongoing treatment for, the insurance company delays payment or doesn't make payment at all until the attorney gets involved. The attorney ends up sometimes having to file suit or filing, I