

everybody got, that's not true. If the aim is to cut down the amount of time involved in reaching a point where payout is made to an injured employee, why in the world are we going to put in a system which may be rejected by both sides who are in the process of trying to work out an agreement? The first step in trying to mitigate the damage done by LB 757 is to find a different way to make up this list of independent medical examiners. You start out in the language of 757 removing the independent from that designation, independent medical examiner. You start by removing the independence. Any report, any information compiled by this IME is paid for by the employer. The court is funded by the insurance industry.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The hand that feeds controls, Senator Moore. That's why I read in the paper the other day...I don't know whether it's true or not, that when some people thought that the Appropriations Committee was not going to give some money to a certain operation, the executive director was fired because the hand that feeds controls. Any of you who have a pet will know that sometimes your pet is very loyal but when a pet is hungry then whoever has got food can get the pet's attention. In this situation, the category of people we are talking about whose interests we're addressing, that category consists of injured workers. I don't think any element in that system should be subject to the type of control by the court of which at least one member, in my opinion, is totally incompetent in the way that 757 envisions. I don't think the manner in which this committee is appointed is the problem. I don't see that as a problem at all.

SPEAKER BAACK: Time. Thank you, Senator Chambers. On the motion to reconsider, Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to exercise my rights as the principal introducer of LB 757, under Rule 7, Section 10, to move a cloture debate...a cloture vote, first, on the pending matter, which is the reconsideration motion of Senator Chambers, followed by an immediate vote then on the advancement of 757 in its current form, without this portion of the Landis amendment, to Select File, and that time then to continue on with the amendments that are currently file under...or on the Speaker's...on the Clerk's desk.