

the reason this bill is causing so much grief is because we are dealing with warring parties. The feeling of workers who are injured is that the other side is going to do all that's possible to prevent them from obtaining compensation or to receive compensation at a lower rate than that to which they are entitled. The company is given all the best of it in LB 757. They talk in the newspapers when the supporters of the bill are being quoted about the increased amount in millions of dollars that will be available to injured workers, but they don't ever point out on their own that the workers who would benefit by increased amounts under this bill must be making close to \$10 an hour. Any who make less than that get no benefit from this bill whatsoever, but all of the workers are required to give up certain rights that they have now. All of them are going to have to go through the company doctor selection except those who have a family doctor. There may be employer...employees, and, after what I've heard on the floor today, this is going to shock some of you all, there are some people who don't have family doctors, you just have to take my word for it, and if they don't, they wind up in the clutches of the company doctor and the company, both of whose interest, in my opinion, is to try to have as little expended in benefits as possible and to send that person back to work as soon as possible. So something has to be done with this bill to protect to a greater degree than is done currently the rights of these injured employees, and that's what I wish would be kept in mind, that we're talking about people who are injured on the job. This bill takes away rights from all workers while giving increased benefits only to the few. When we've been told repeatedly that organized labor favors this bill or that working people favor this bill, again, I've been getting letters from various unions, fire fighters unions, meat cutters unions and others whose name escape me right at the time, and individuals, who are against 757. It's obvious that AFL-CIO does not represent the workers of this state. They represent about 8 percent of the workers anyway and they don't represent the interests of all of those. They have people who speak for them who are not speaking in their best interest, and I'm not the one to tell them how to run their organization but they need to change those...the ones who speak for them and come down here and say they're representing the interests of the workers. This is a bill which gives management the best of all the worlds that we are considering. As far as premiums for the small employee, employers, I don't believe there's going to be any decrease in premiums. I don't believe they're going to recognize anything. This is a big shot's bill. As far as