

is very, very small. They are getting the best of this. It reminds me of something that William Jennings Bryan said, during the 1800's. Senator Coordsen, you and I remember these things (laugh) from having read them. And they were arguing about whether America should go on a gold standard or a silver standard, and naturally, out here in the west, with the rural people, they wanted a silver standard. And William Jennings Bryan was supposed to be a very capable orator, and he made some comment. I wish I would have reviewed it before I came up here. But he said something about, you will not push this crown thorns down on the heads of labor; you will not crucify labor on this cross of gold. And it became known as his cross of gold speech. Labor is being crucified in this bill. Laboring people are losing, under the terms of this bill. The particular provision that Senator Landis is offering now is where I see the bait. This is the sweetener. By indicating, through discussion of this provision, somewhat in a vacuum, that increased benefits are available, people are to think that this has got to be a pro working persons bill. It might be a pro labor bill, if you consider that term labor to mean the hierarchy of the AFL-CIO. But it certainly is not a bill with the ordinary working person or, as some people might say, working stiff, in contemplation. I know that this bill is going to go, we all know it. But I want the record to be crystal clear for future reference...

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that I never indicated that this bill is good for the working people, or that it's a step in the right direction for the laboring force of this state. I wish there was some way to put people on this floor in a situation so that they could understand what it means to work a job, be injured, then have to go through hell and high water to get proper consideration, to even have it acknowledged that you are injured, then have to jump through a hurdle to prove that the injury occurred on the job, then have to establish the degree of the injury, then try to get adequate medical treatment. All of that in American, 1993, it is atrocious. Socialism, where are you? Communism, where are you? I think any of those things would be better than what is happening under this bill, because they don't make the professions that are made in this country about the concern for working people.

SENATOR HALL: Time. Thank you, Senator Chambers. Is there any other discussion on the amendment as offered by Senator Landis?