

going to turn your light on again. If you would, let me perhaps prepare and give my speech,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, all right.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...and I'll answer that question in...in...as completely as I can and allow you to cross examine me in your next speech.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right. And the point that I want to try to emphasize here, no matter what becomes of this bill, is my reason for saying that workers are harmed by this bill, they suffer, 52 percent of them, at least, suffer a net loss. Fifty-two percent are going to be worse off, if this bill passes, than they are now. So how can this be a pro worker bill? You are restricted in your choice of a physician. And as we get into these other areas we can go into more detail about those restrictions and how they operate. And the managed care program is going to limit the types of care and treatment that will be available, all supposedly in the interest of saving money for the employer and reducing workers' comp premiums. It is logical that, if insurance is not going to cover certain risks, the company should not charge as much. So if there are types of injuries or illnesses that employees got before this bill was enacted, they are going to continue to get those illnesses and injuries after the bill is enacted. So the only way that money can be saved in that situation is to find doctors who are not going to charge as much and doctors who are able, in private practice, to demand and command a higher fee, are not going to be a part of this program.

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: And the other prong for saving money on medical care is to reduce the amount and types of care which will be available. There's no other way this bill can save any money, you've got to reduce or lessen that which is available to injured workers. Only when a worker is injured or ill will he or she come under the provisions of this bill. I do not think that it is good policy to do what this bill does. So now I'll ask Senator Landis a question which it won't take long to answer. Senator Landis, do you agree with this amendment that I'm offering, 'cause I forgot to ask you that. I didn't hear