

has value to the injured worker, and Senator Coordsen and Senator Landis touched on it, is the cash that comes in. With the limitations that we put in statute that puts Nebraska at number 47 in terms of being worst in benefits, lets us know that at best the lower paid workers in this state are not doing well so, without improving that situation, we're going to take even more from them and we're going to take it from them at the point where the only real benefit they might get from the workers' comp system can benefit them and that's in selecting a competent physician and being provided the care and treatment needed. I'm not going to ask Senator Landis or anybody else who's supporting this bill to specify the types of treatments, procedures or what-not that may be restricted under the managed care program because I don't know if that's ever been worked out with specificity by anybody yet, but we know that there are going to be limitations and that's the whole purpose of managed care. That's another synonym for it--restricted care, limited care, less care. And I'm afraid that not only is it less in terms of quantity, but lesser in terms of quality. Everybody has now gotten together. The health care provider or the company doctor, the ones who make the list, the employers who don't want to pay their premiums or see benefits paid to injured workers...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ..and the insurance industry. They have now formed a circle and the employee who is injured is to be victimized by all of them. If there was an argument between these three, the employee might stand a chance of obtaining something. But, Senator Coordsen, when you put the three big predators, the leopard, the lion and the jaguar or the cheetah, together in a conspiracy against the gazelle or, better yet, the wildebeest, the wildebeest, Senator Landis, has no chance and that's what I see happening to the workers below 995 under t is bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Anyone else wishing to discuss the Chambers' amendment? Seeing no one, Senator Chambers, do you wish to close?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I knew and Senator Landis knew and those of us who discussed this bill knew that maybe the only thing that can be achieved by some of us discussing our amendments is to bring into sharp focus the disagreements we have with the bill. If