

are on Final Reading, let alone on Select File, and some of the bills may have had a hearing, some of the ideas may have had a hearing in the form of another bill, or maybe they hadn't. And I'm sure, before we get out of here, within the next few days we will have some bills described variously as Christmas trees, semitrailer, trailer-trailer trucks and train, train, train, trains where everything imaginable will be added or an attempt will be made to add it. The argument that Senator Landis gave is the one that is given by somebody who doesn't like an idea, but who have no good argument to give against it. The quote that Senator Hall gave about the children working being able to look out and watch the men at play is poetry, but to quote a cliché there is more truth than poetry in it. Our children in this society are often the invisible people, the forgotten people, the throwaway people. When we talk about pornography, child abuse, child abuse that occurred when an elderly person was a youngster and somebody helped them remember it is viewed with great sympathy, and we talk about the value of our children. But when we arrive at a situation where children are trying to engage in and manifest that so-called work ethic and are injured in the course of performing work, I don't see how we can be unwilling to bring them into the system so that unequivocally they are covered and they will receive compensation that the system provides for an injured worker. I don't see how in equity or ethics we can deny to these...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ..young people the status of employees for the purpose of their being covered by workers' compensation. Senator Moore mentioned attempts I've put forth in the past to have employ...football players declared employees of the university. We couldn't even get consideration of them as employees for the purpose of workers' comp so I did get a bill passed requiring the university to create an insurance program, at least the equivalent of workers' comp. What exists for these youngsters? I think the amendment had validity and we ought to adopt it.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Schimek. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. The issue is just merely an amendment that adds to the definition of what an employee or worker is. That's all this amendment does. It