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the bidding, raising revenues for their employer. It's clear in this case, as in virtually every case of a newspaper carrier, that these individuals are out there bringing in...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ..revenue for their employer--the newspaper that they work for--but yet they do not want to cover them at the time that they get injured while on the job. An 11-year-old girl gets run over by a car and the newspaper doesn't want to cover them for purposes of workmen's comp. The precedent I guess that it sets would be poor in their eyes for purposes of what would happen down the road. I think this decision is absolutely on the mark. It's where we ought to be moving in this area. All we're doing with this amendment is allowing public policy, as we're laying out in LB 757. Since we're rewriting the entire workmen's comp law, virtually all we're doing in this amendment is adding to the definition saying that this spanky brand new proposal in LB 757 is going to include folks who deliver newspapers.

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR HALL: That's all it does.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Mr. Speaker, members, when I had seen your amendment, Senator Hall, I didn't realize totally where you were going to be coming from with your court case and I guess I'm not prepared to address that. One of the reasons I stand today to object to this is simply because I had a son who was a paperboy and would just like to discuss a little bit, which I don't think we've done, what we would do to the profession of young children being able to work in this particular work force. Our son was a paperboy all through junior high and I think you've seen the...in the different papers where they honor the paper carrier that has done the best job. I think most of us have seen old Mickey Rooney movies and some of those that portrayed young people as if they were going to work and was going to have a good job and something a lot of them did, it was deliver newspapers and it's a very common and very accepted and I think a very good way for young people and a lot of those under 16 that can't find any employment any place else to be able to go to work and, number one, earn some of that extra money and also