

including the case that we have that Senator Landis talked...Landis has talked about and how it could be impacted if we do something like that at this point. I would urge you to withdraw the amendment and perhaps look at it at another time and also at a time when it could have a public hearing.

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

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and mem...Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, these children are young. They are vulnerable. They are unaware of the dangers associated with the work they're undertaking and they might feel, as many young people do, that they are in fact invulnerable, that things are not going to happen to them or they just are unaware, as I stated earlier, but we, as adults, are aware and we do know some of the hazards that they confront on these paper routes. In the cities there could be problems like young Johnny Goesch encountered. He was snatched off the street, has not been seen or heard from since. There are instances where children might be run over by cars, as pointed out in the case brought to us by Senator Hall. But even if we don't go to these kinds of tragic occurrences and look only at these youngsters in the context of doing work for which they're compensated, they are employees and they should get the same kind of coverage that any adult worker would receive. I remember when those little children were left home alone by their parents who took a trip. There was editorial outrage throughout the country. I didn't read a single editorial, not saying I read every editorial that was written, where those parents were exonerated or praised for what they did. There was universal condemnation. There were people on talk shows calling in saying what terrible people these parents were; that children are entitled to something better. These were bad parents. The relationship that should exist between parent and child was lacking. The concern, the caring, the protectiveness were not there in the minds or opinions of a lot of people. When we come over here and talk about children working, there is a relationship of employer/employee. In the same way that we're able to recognize that adults are entitled to something in the way of better treatment, even though under Senator Landis's bill before us now only certain adult workers or other workers who are labeled employees will benefit by an improvement in their condition, the acknowledgement is there that employees in Nebraska are not treated as well as they ought to be. When this bill was before the committee, many people who supported it talked about Nebraska being 47th when it came to