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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Members of the Legislature, since Senator Landis is on this amendment, it's going to be accepted so there's not much that I need to say in behalf of the amendment. But even while speaking in behalf of a modification to the bill with which I agree and which I might say that I engineered, I still want it clear that I think it's a bad, bad bill. I do support the amendment, though.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABBLOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, I want to thank the hard work of Senator Chambers on these two amendments as well as Senator Landis. The principal dispute involving workers' comp bill, LB 757, was involving physician choice. And though physician choice is still in the bill in instances prior to that individual going to court, what this amendment provides for is physician choice after that person has gone to court and the court has decided that in fact there's a disagreement between the employer's doctor versus the employee's doctor. Physician choice then will take effect. It's not everything that was wanted from the beginning, but it's a step towards a solution of enacting a piece of legislation and for that reason I'm going to be supporting the amendment and urge the body to do likewise. Thank you.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. As nearly 100 percent of the time occurs here when a lengthy bill is drafted that creates new policies and whatever in spite of all of the efforts of those people in and outside the Legislature that are involved in trying to anticipate all of the problems and concerns, something always slips by. And I think that Senator Chambers had identified one; certainly Senator Abboud and Senator Lindsay had spoke of this in different terms. I believe that the amendment of Landis and Chambers addresses those concerns. It provides coverage for something that quite frankly I don't recall being discussed at the time that the task force was operating nor in any subsequent meetings. I do support the amendment. I think it strengthens an already good bill. Thank you, Mr. President.