

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

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Kristensen, members of the body. I, too, rise in support of this piece of legislation. I know a tremendous amount of work has gone into getting to this place. And I accept the fact that not everybody necessarily always gets everything that they want. On the other hand, a compromise is part of the solution to some of these issues. And I, too, want to thank Senator Chambers and Senator Landis for their work in trying to work out the differences. And I would like to make one other comment. I appreciated the fact that Senator Chambers has not called doctors a quack once tonight. Thank you, Senator Chambers. And in closing, I'd just like to say that the body should be very appreciative of the work and the time that it's taken to reach this point and that we can move forward in passing this piece of legislation for the benefit of the workers and the management in this state. And hopefully everybody is going to feel that they got something out of it for their benefit. Thank you.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers waives off. Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: Question.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: That won't be necessary, yours is the last light. Senator Landis to close.

SENATOR LANDIS: Just to reiterate my support for the amendment and to yield the balance of my time to my cosponsor, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the only thing I'll say in order to be even-handed in my criticism, I've talked to some of these people who are with the trial attorneys. I have condemned Gordy McDonald. I have castigated various employer groups, but I'm really disappointed in this trial attorneys or trial lawyers association. They crumbled like soda crackers, just collapsed and disappeared. And at the beginning they were making noises like they really had an interest and concern about the employees. The amendments