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LB 608

SENATOR CUDABACK: The house is under call. All unauthorized personnel please leave the floor, unexcused senators report to the Chamber. The house is under call. Senator Mines, Senator Quandahl, Senator Thompson. Senator Thompson, the house is under call. Senator Quandahl. Senator Thompson. All members present or accounted for. The question before the body is adoption of the Beutler amendment, AM2045, to AM2005 to LB 608. Been a request for a roll call vote. Mr. Clerk, call the roll on that question.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal page 1979.)  
13 ayes, 22 nays, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was not successful and I do raise the call. Mr. Clerk, next item to the bill or to the amendment, rather.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill is Senator Beutler...to the Bromm amendment, excuse me, Senator Beutler would move to amend the Bromm amendment with AM2039. (Legislative Journal page 1979.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, to open on your amendment to the Bromm amendment to LB 608.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this amendment does just one thing. It takes the minimum wage provision of \$8.70 that is applicable to LB 775 and inserts it in the Bromm amendment. That is what we all fought hardest for on General File. That, then, would parallel the minimum wage provision in the Bromm amendment for the new rural program or the reconstituted LB 270 program. And to me that would provide a measure of fairness to all of the workers who are the employees of the LB 775 companies and the LB 270 companies and the companies that are benefiting from economic programs of the state. To me that was the one most important thing we were able to get done on General File. And a majority of us agreed to it, and I have a hard time understanding why we're jettisoning that basic fundamental kind of fairness at this point in time. So I would suggest that it be reinserted into the Bromm amendment so