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you extend this problem out just a little bit further, if an employer of tipped employees has a base wage rate of \$3.00 an hour, then their employees must receive at least \$3.01 an hour or the employer must make up the difference. What LB 412 will do then is to redefine. We will strike the word "primarily" from the tipped section of statute and add the words "that the sum of the wages and gratuities received by each person compensated by way of gratuities shall equal or exceed the minimum wage rate provided in subsection (1) of this section, which means that all employees in the State of Nebraska, tipped or nontipped, will be guaranteed a minimum wage rate of \$3.35 an hour rather than the rather awkward situation that exists today. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Any further discussion? If not, the question is the acceptance of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: The committee amendments are adopted. Now on the advancement of the bill, Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: In the process...thank you, Mr. President. In the process of explaining amendment which would add the emergency clause to the bill because of the nature of the problem that exists, I covered the bill, I think, rather thoroughly so I would merely advance the bill at this point in time.

PRESIDENT: Very good. Any further discussion? If not, the question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 412.

PRESIDENT: LB 412 is advanced. LB 61.

CLERK: LB 61, Mr. President, was a bill that was introduced by Senator Haberman. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 5, referred to the Banking Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.