

3.35, and then again, in April 1 of 1991, they will top out at \$4.25. Those individuals who are under the provisions that we have in state statutes with regard to the \$362,000 figure that Senator Coordsen talked about, those individuals who fall under the state minimum wage law will remain at the current level which is \$3.35.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: So if we waited until next session, would we be too late to help those people?

SENATOR HALL: No, I mean, you know, I hate to say this but we waited seven years the last time we changed to go ahead and do this. My purpose for introducing the bill this year, after Congress acted last year, was to make sure that we did coincide, that our employers that we felt should follow the minimum wage standards should follow those that the federal government laid out, and that we shouldn't wait seven or eight years to implement it this time. Would anything happen? There would be a class of people, because they fell under the state requirement as opposed to the federal requirement, that would be able to pay their help less than other people would because they were over that federal threshold.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Senator Hall. I think if we would put this bill onto 313, I think 313 is probably pretty well weighted right now. I think I will not support the suspend at this time. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Are there other lights?

SPEAKER BARRETT: One other.

SENATOR HALL: I will wait and close.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator McFarland, would you care to speak to the motion? Thank you. Senator Hall, it would appear to the Chair that you are closing.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, and members. Senator Coordsen, the reason I didn't mention the grandfather clause is exactly what you laid out because I knew nobody would understand it, and I didn't want to mess up my motion to suspend the rules. Now you know me better than to think that I wouldn't address it