

wrangling, much reductions in the amount that was originally sought, has arrived at as a minimum amount that a person should receive per hour for honest labor. The Bible said, and I know that it's often quoted but not followed, the worker is worthy of his or her hire. Meaning that when people work they should be paid a fair wage. Sometimes when there is discussion on this floor and in committees of "business" it's as though that business is some kind of sacred entity which cannot be touched, which does everything that is good, that ennobles and uplifts society and that it ought to be given everything that it wants. People should be put in such dire straits that they're funneled into the clutches of this so-called business and made to labor for less than what it takes to live on. I don't agree with that idea. As a matter of fact, there was a movie a few years ago with Eddie Cantor, the guy who plays Columbo, Spencer Tracy and a whole lot of other old washed up actors who hadn't gone over the hill or ridden off into the sunset yet and it was called "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World". They were searching for some money that had been stolen and buried. A code was given by Eddie Can...I meant by Jimmy Durante just before he kicked the bucket and he literally kicked the bucket. So they were all ripping around town to find this money. They had determined how they would divide it. And then the question arose, Senator Robinson, as to whether or not taxes should be paid. Some of those felt that taxes should be paid, others felt taxes should not be paid. Jonathan Winters said, I think taxes should be paid because even businesses which lie, cheat, steal and gouge the customers will pay taxes. That was the concept of business. Many people who come in contact with various types of businesses come away with the same impression. So I don't think that we, as a Legislature, should create a set of circumstances where people are almost victimized by this system which talks about honoring the so-called work ethic. And then you put people into a semi-peonage by not paying them a decent wage. We're not just talking about youngsters, as Senator Hall pointed out, there are adults, adults with families. And I think it's regrettable that in a Legislature those groups don't have a concerted force large enough to ensure that their rights, that their interests will be taken into consideration. On other legislation, Senator Robinson, there will be a lot of posturing about the family, family values, doing those things that will hold families together. One of the greatest glues for a family is adequate economic resources. Love of money is the root of all evil, not money. Businesses love money so that tells you where they are.