

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It is easier, Senator Robinson, for a working man to walk...for a camel to walk through the eye of a needle than for a businessman to go into Heaven. Now that is from the scriptures. So with the scriptures being on my side and backing this bill, there is no way really that we can be opposed to it in good conscience. And in all seriousness, I understand the position that Senator Robinson is articulating, but, again, those small businesses often go under because of what is happening in the farm economy. As the farm economy collapses, a lot of rural towns that are based on them collapse also and it has nothing to do with the minimum wage. So I hope you will defeat Senator Coordsen's amendment and support this bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Robinson, followed by Senator Schmit.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President, members of the body, thanks, Senator Chambers, for being so nice to me in your comments. I think Senator Chambers hit it on the nose. He was talking a lot of the problem is just the poor farm economy in the small towns of Nebraska. And you know what it is going to affect, don't you? There is going to be a lot of young people that will lose their jobs because of this. Now if that is what you want, vote for the bill, but I suggest you call some of your people out there and see what they think of this bill, and I will be glad to give you a tour. I will take you right up to Herman and we could stop in and see Senator Frank Korshoj on our way up, Senator Hall, and we could tour the Town of Herman and then we could go up to Bancroft and Macy and Winnebago, we could see all those towns, and I could show you what rural Nebraska is like and, likewise, you could take me to South Omaha and I could see all of those business establishments. But I would think you would be looking out after those people, too, that are having problems like that Dairy Queen man. I oppose this amendment and I oppose the bill, also. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Madam President and members of the body, I have been on both sides of this issue for many, many years. I have hired a lot of young people and I have always been an admirer of those young people, who are anxious to get out and work and to perform an amazing variety of undesirable jobs for a very low