

wage rate. I used to, as you know, be in the aerial spraying business and I used to do a lot of work for seed corn companies. I always admired those youngsters out there in the early morning. It'd be cold and they'd be wet and they'd be going down through those cornfields. In the afternoon, it would be hot and sticky and they would be out there, and I used to say I couldn't imagine, as I'd fly over them, how they could possibly do it. It is also interesting to me that I could never hire those youngsters to get up at four o'clock in the morning and work for an hour or two, and then lay off the rest of the day, and maybe work an hour or two in the evening for those kind of wages. And today I have a large family, they have all gone through that process. My grandchildren now are coming to that age where they work for those kind of wages. I understand the problems of the employer also. I know exactly what Senator Coordsen and Senator Robinson are talking about. Times are tough in rural Nebraska. One of the reasons they are tough is because you can't earn enough money to survive in those towns. And any youngster that gets to be of age enough to travel takes off and never looks back. And as a result, there are fewer and fewer and fewer of us in those small communities and that is going to continue because the larger communities can pay better. I really don't know what the answer is exactly, and I really do not know, and I know that there are some friends of mine out in the lobby that are on both sides of this issue that I have discussed it with, who are wondering how I am going to vote. And there are times when I have gone through the process and I have observed the problems of employers and I really think that they are hard pressed, but I haven't seen those same people down here when we enact statutes which give very great exemptions to large corporations. They are not down here then saying, hey, wait a minute, that is not fair. That is not fair. Why give it to a multimillion dollar corporation when my little old Dairy Queen out there can't get that same exemption? Agriculture people are great to oppose minimum wage laws, and who in the name of God works for less. You know we have got a minimum price you can charge for cigarettes in this state, but I am selling corn today for less than I have sold it for in 1948, and that is one reason why the man who owns the pizza shop in Eutler County can't afford to pay a decent wage, because the people who patronize him don't have any money either. I don't know what the answer is but I really don't think the answer is to take it out of the backs of the young kids, who have no alternative employment, who have to take that little job. And we wonder sometimes why young people get into difficulty. Well, I will