

outlets. And these people, why are they there? Why are they working for minimum wage? They're working for minimum wage because they can't meet their bills the way it is under their social security. They have no choice but to go out after serving 40 years paying their taxes, many cases thanking God that there was a minimum wage that they receive, and now they go back and they have to work for a minimum wage. In some cases it's a federal, most cases it's the federal level, but in the case of the state, if you adopt Senator Robinson's motion to kill this bill, it will be less than even what the federal government allows. I would only say one more thing because the arguments have all been made and it is a clash, I guess, of folks at both ends of the poles, and there are some like Senator Coordsen that are in the middle, and I think do look at the issue in a very rational way with regard to the positives and the negatives on the issue. But the negatives of killing this bill are far in excess of the positives and negatives of passing it. It needs to be done, ladies and gentlemen, and we need to send a message to those employees in this state that the state respects them. The state understands that they are worth their pay, and the pay that falls in the federal level should be the pay that we as policymakers choose to establish at the state level. Ask yourself one question. Before you vote on the motion to indefinitely postpone, ask yourself if you would let your kids, or your grandkids work for less than the federal minimum wage, just ask yourself that. Would you let your kids or your grandkids go out and work for less than the federal minimum wage? If you would, then I guess you are justified in your vote. I think it's a fair representation. It's something to look at. I wouldn't let my kids, I don't have any grandkids, but I wouldn't let my kids work for less than the federal minimum wage. I don't think we should let the kids of Nebraska work for less than the federal minimum wage. I would urge you to vote red on the motion to indefinitely postpone.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Senator Hall. Our next speaker is Senator Robinson followed by Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Well, I was thoroughly chastised from my good friend from Grand Island and I hope she is listening. What she was chastising me about, I hope you people listen. You know, we just finished a war, a hundred hour war. My bill that she is talking about was to give veterans that are school teachers an opportunity to buy back the two years they served for their country. If I'm guilty, I'm glad I'm guilty. How many more