

SENATOR HALL: Senator Robinson, I have no idea.

SENATOR ROBINSON: You have no idea. Okay. I just wonder. I don't think it's necessary that we be on the cutting edge. And I think this is a good compromise. I guess, if they really wanted to get minimum wage for everyone, they ought to...there should be no minimum of 4 people, although I don't believe that. I think there...I think there at least ought to be a minimum of four, probably 12 or 15. Where do you get new customers in a little town of 800 and 1,000? You don't get new customers. They're not out there. You're asking them to up their expenses as far as wages are concerned. So what are they going to do? They're going to raise the prices for that old guy that comes in and gets his cup of coffee in the morning and afternoon. You can go up there any day in the morning or afternoon and see these people drinking coffee. Most of them are on Social Security. Just a point I wanted to bring out. Where's the lobby for the young people of Nebraska out there that's trying to get a job for \$3.00 or 3.50? There's no one that lobbies for them. You remember Senator Moore stated...was debating Senator Kristense sometime ago on this driver training bill and Senator Moore said, Senator Kristensen, you know what's going to happen if we pass this bill? We're going to wake up first part of September and we're going to get an avalanche of calls from people wanting to know why you put a charge of \$200 for driver training. And that's what's going to happen on this bill. And a lot of places out there don't even know about it. But they will know about it, folks. They will know about it. So I would urge all of you to consider this, I think, which is a reasonable compromise to bring the bill off Final Reading. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Hall, you're next.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, I rise in opposition to the motion to return the bill to Select File. The proposal that Senator Robinson offers is a substitute amendment that deals with the issue of a definition of an employer. In other words, it jumps into the definition section of what we determine an employer to be. It says that if you do not meet the threshold of a gross sales limit, in this case \$275,000, you don't have to pay minimum wage. Makes no matter what type of business you are in, period. But the fact of the matter is that