

lot of ways on the street to get a lot more than what Senator Robinson is talking about. Minimum wage, the amount, the four dollars and a quarter an hour, is not the amount that's going to make young people leap for joy and say, I've got a chance to really make me some money. If I work one of these minimum wage jobs, I can buy me clothes, I have a chance to maybe buy a car. I can go out on my own if I'm 18 and not making it very well at home. Senator Robinson, doesn't even want them to have that amount of money. All this talk of business is based on the notion not of business being protected and given incentives and encouragement by the government because the business is doing something beneficial to society but the people in government feel an affinity toward the people who are in business and you just want to make it easy for them to make money. That doesn't make sense to me, as a representative of the people. Senator Pirsch handed out a letter this morning and I'm sure if that same individual contacted her with the same kind of argument on any other issue, she would have laughed and thrown it in the trash. But his position is as nutty as the one being propounded here this morning so she offers his letter as an authority. He said he doesn't want minimum wage raised because when minimum wage is raised it makes employers raise their prices and they raise their prices more than the increase in his minimum wage, therefore, by raising the minimum wage you hurt people who get minimum wage. So the logical conclusion, from what he said, is to reduce minimum wage, then when you reduce it the businesses reduce what they charge the consumer. The best thing of all is to return to the situation where black people had total employment which was slavery. Don't pay them anything and make them work, then since the businesses don't have to pay for the labor, they can lower their prices even more. And with that happening all over the country, there's no inflation, there's no high cost of living, everything is cheaper, everybody is happy, and since you're not paying the employees anything, there's money that the businesses can be taxed for...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...to provide social welfare services and America will then be the Mecca. This will be the Utopia that More and other people during the middle ages and beyond wrote about some day being achieved on this planet. The kind of lengths that people will go to to take away a fair wage is very, very revealing about those people. I'm not surprised at Senator Pirsch handing out this letter but I'm surprised and