

into the hands of a few business people that complain. The vast majority of the people, like myself, who are in business do not complain, do not complain. We try to do the best we can with what we've got and we realize that we have a social responsibility to pay a reasonable wage and that hasn't...that makes absolutely no difference between whether you're in the rural areas or in the urban areas. It's a silly bill, Senator Robinson, and it's a silly argument. And there are no hard and fast lines. You're drawing a hard and fast line and you're being bombastic about it and it doesn't make any sense. You ought to leave the bill alone. Let's vote it...let's vote it across and on Final Reading and get on with business.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Ashford. The next speaker is Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Question.

SPEAKER BAACK: That won't be necessary, there is no other lights on. Senator Robinson's light is on but he can only use his light for closing because he's already spoken his share of times. So, Senator Robinson, do you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR ROBINSON: I sure would. Senator Ashford, your family isn't the only one that's been in the retail business. My family was in the retail business for 75 years. Gosh, he took off. Calls it political fodder. Boy, let me ask you a question. If this is political fodder, what is...oh, I don't want to name...how about the gun bill? Is that political fodder? No, no, that's not political fodder, not much. I would like to...I would like to have Senator Ashford go up to some of my little towns and ask them what they think of how the Nebraska Legislature treats them sometimes. Bombastic, he said, silly bill, I agree with him, it is a silly bill. We ought to kill it. And I think...I think the people in small towns in Nebraska are just as social conscious as they are in Omaha, Lincoln, Scottsbluff, wherever they are. They try to give their people as fair a raise as they can. But, as I mentioned before, if you don't have it coming in, you can't pay it. I urge you folks to return the bill to Select File. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: You've heard Senator Robinson's closing. We will now vote on the motion to return to Select File. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted?