

and intentionally living in low rent areas so that they could send large portions of their paychecks back. So when you're talking about bugs in their places and stuff like that, most of the people that I encounter were very clean and made an attempt to keep their homes very clean and their mobile homes very clean but maybe somebody who lives in one of the houses one of you live in, you look at something like what these individuals live in, you think it's squalor or you look at maybe even a mobile home park because I know a lot of people in town used to think that way about us, that it was, you know, kind of a low rent kind of area, but many of those people, like I say, were taking large portions of their paychecks and sending it back to Mexico where the people who they, the families that they came from were living in much less...much more substandard places than even what you would see here, what Senator Chambers is talking about, some of these apartments or some of these places where these people live. When you look to what their families are living in in Mexico, some of them are living in cardboard boxes, some of them are living in sheds like we put in our backyard to keep our lawn equipment in, things like this. This is what they come from. So I guess it's a matter of perspective and many of them are trying to save money up to buy businesses in Mexico when they go back so they're intentionally keeping their expenses to a minimum. I know you're trying to do good things for people who maybe are in a situation for a short time that they're not real happy...

SENATOR HALL PRESIDING

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...with the way things are, but I hope you try to look at the broader picture of individuals who are being given an opportunity to come to this country to work at a wage that you might consider a low wage, maybe seven to ten dollars an hour is a low wage for some of the people on this floor, but we live pretty close to that in my family. We pay our own...and a lot of these individuals get benefits, health benefits, which we don't get in my family. So they might be living pretty close to the edge and they might be pushing themselves even closer to the edge by trying to save some money, but there are choices that they are making as adults. There are adults making these choices and for you people to step in here and say we're going to improve it by using other people's tax dollars who are also living on the edge like myself and many other middle class