

just...we've been taking everything serious, so we'll withdraw this one for now.

SENATOR LINDSAY: The amendment is withdrawn.

CLERK: Senator Wesely, AM0565, Senator.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this amendment deals with the issue that I raised on LB 830 about requiring a minimum wage job. I think this is printed in the Journal, yeah, okay. And when I brought this up yesterday, was it yesterday or the day before, I can't remember, but whenever it was brought up before I had suggested that we require that there be a minimum wage of \$11 an hour that would include the health insurance coverage and other benefits. So again, it could be that you have an \$8 an hour job but you have \$3 an hour equivalent of health care that would be required. But in the end you at least get \$11 worth of benefit. And the point is that the study that was done for the Welfare Reform Task Force last year indicated that welfare benefits, to have an incentive to get off of welfare you needed a job that essentially had \$11 an hour in wages and benefits. So I think as one of our goals, I think as one of our efforts under the incentive effort is to have jobs that are going to be an incentive for people to move off of welfare that are well-paying enough with health care and other benefits so that we don't have individuals that can move to the welfare system because they can't raise their family and can't make ends meet because the jobs that they have available are so poor paying. So that's all that this does, but the amendment that we had yesterday said that all of the 500 jobs that qualified had to have the \$11 an hour minimum. And in the discussion it was thought that the better course would be to say you don't get the tax credit if you don't have at least a job that's the \$11. So the way this is drafted is, the company that comes in, they have to have at least 500 jobs that meet this minimum level. They can have other jobs that don't. The 3,500 jobs for Micron for instance, let's say that 500 of those jobs are engineers and they're going to be well paid and good benefits and so that would qualify them under 829. But let's say the other 3,000 jobs are factory jobs and they don't want to pay them the better wages, they don't want to provide health care benefits and so for those that they don't provide the wages and benefits, they wouldn't get the