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PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...and for Director Moul to look at that as well. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. The Chair recognizes Senator Crosby, followed by Senators Coordsen, Kristensen, Chambers, Vrtiska, and Maurstad.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam President and members. I want to say just about three quick things. The first thing is my feelings are really hurt. Nobody called me over the weekend and asked me to do anything about this bill. Well, I understand that because I've been supporting right along. But the second thing, a lot of us think...we think what happens in this Chamber is what makes the world go around. Over the weekend, I went to all kinds of different things where I saw my constituents within my own district, and talked to a lot of people. No one mentioned one of these bills to me, not one person. They talked about other things, about other legislation that they might be interested in. We talked about our children, whatever, our families, what they think is important for their families. There is one family in Lincoln that is feeling pretty sad because they lost their little boy Friday. That family isn't worrying about these bills. But the point that we're...what we're working on is something that will help the state, might help our own cities, to come to a point where we do have a labor market that will attract people because the jobs will pay more. Now I voted against Senator Wesely's amendment. I don't think you should put \$8 or whatever in the statutes because then they'd come along and say, well, fine, it is in the statute, we will pay \$8. I want them to pay even more if the jobs are worth that. If the skills are worth more than \$8 an hour, I want that salary, I want that hourly rate. And I read the Lincoln Journal over the weekend, that story about Snyder Industries and the labor market. If you read it carefully, you read that the basic wage was \$5.75 an hour and 6.75 per hour; 5.75 for 40 hours is \$230 a week. If you add the other dollar, it is \$270 a week, not even \$300 a week. The other thing, they have some problems at Snyder Industries with what...they make those plastic containers for the fertilizer and so on. If you have any kind of allergies, if you are allergic to plastic or dust, you can't work there, forget it, because you can't work there unless they