

And, Senator Beutler, I do want to comment about your...your point of view. It's a very well taken point of view but I have to differ with it a little bit because I do think we sometimes try to compare things that are not comparable. If you're in a regular family and you have more children, I may not...I may not get a pay increase because I would say with a wife, a physician, and me in the Legislature it's not a normal family. But, nonetheless, if there is a normal family, you may not be able to get a pay increase but maybe the other spouse now has to work in order to make things meet, maybe the other children have to work to make things meet, and in a normal family where there are two parents many times both parents will have to work. If you're a single parent and not only a single parent but one that has to go to school to get the education in order to accomplish the goals you want and if there is an accidental...accidental pregnancy and if you don't want to have an abortion because you want to carry that life through then I think there are different circumstances and I think we have to recognize that. We can't treat all families as if they are equal, they're not. And for the modest amount that we're talking about, I think Senator Dierks is right on...right on tact, I hope my sons would be at the point where they would say, I may only make \$15 but I'm going to be willing to give 11 cents to these children and families to give them the fair shot as we can, so I support the Dierks amendment.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, and members. Senator Dierks, I won't need any of your close. I waived off and then I said, aw, hell with it. Senator Maurstad, what you've got to learn is that just don't pay any attention to what anybody thinks, just do what you know is right. I mean, don't...and I'll tell you what, they'll keep sending you back to get rid of you. That's what they did in my district for the last three terms. (Laughter.) You know, I don't care about shifting the burden from the middle class to the poor because the middle class doesn't care, they're the ones that would be more than willing to take that portion that they can afford and shift it to the poor. What I don't like is when we shift from the middle class to the rich and we don't hesitate to do that in the name of job creation, tax credits, benefits for nameless, faceless corporations so that they don't have to pay taxes in this state, to the tune of not \$50,000, as Senator Schimek said this cost