

SENATOR WITEK: I would like to ask a question of either Senator Chambers or Senator Wesely or Senator Bohlke. Does anyone have any idea how much this study is going to cost, or how much the Department of Labor is charging to do this study?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator Chambers, or Senator Wesely, or Senator Bohlke. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Forty G's.

SENATOR WITEK: \$40,000.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Forty grand.

SENATOR WITEK: I know the G, the G language. Forty thousand dollars. I will take \$40,000 and read the paper and let you know what jobs are available in Nebraska, and I will tell you what the minimum wage is. I think it is \$4.25 an hour. For \$40,000, I will do this personally, and we can save the State of Nebraska, okay, I will do it for a cut rate. I will do it for \$30,000 and save you 10,000 and go out and read the paper, like most of these people will probably do when they go look for a job. They'll, actually they'll read the newspaper, they'll talk to friends, they'll go...they'll see a business establishment with a sign out that says that we need to hire individuals. That's the kind of way that you find a job. We don't need to give \$40,000 of hard-earned taxpaying dollars to the Department of Labor to go do a study that we know is going to recommend an increase in the minimum wage, that we already know that if they read the paper, and like Senator Crosby said, they already put out a lot of this information, but we are going to give them an additional \$40,000 with this amendment to go ahead and do that. And whether you want it to go to the Clerk of the Legislature, or you want it to end on a date certain, it is still a bad section of this amendment, and I hope people will vote against it.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Chambers, do you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Somebody, Mr. President, somebody suggested that we take Senator Witek up on it and then she'd have to resign, and I would insist that she not do it for anything less than \$40,000 because if we take that Caribbean Cruise, it is going to take at least 40,000 to do it. But at any rate,