

at a range of between \$1.00 and \$3.93 per hour. So I suggest that as we go forward to discuss and debate the minimum wage and, yes, I have put aside questions of germaneness because I think in the interest of formulating public policy, in the interest of collegiality, it is more important that we talk about what we all want to talk about as a matter of public policy than demonstrating our ability to scrivener germane amendments on a pad with a pen. So we're in the debate and I seriously urge that you would adopt the Brashear amendment to the Wesely amendment in order that whatever we do with the Wesely amendment, it will apply to those who work in agriculture and to those who work for the people of the state as employees of the state of Nebraska. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Brashear. We...by the way, I would like to go a little further in an introduction I made earlier. I had the note up here about Mr. Prochazka visiting us under the balcony. I, however, did not tell you much about Mr. Prochazka and I have some information here. We have with us in the chamber Victor Prochazka who is from Czechoslovakia. In 1992, he was nominated as a candidate for the president of Czechoslovakia. He's chairman of the party of National and Democratic Unity and, since 1995, he's been living in exile from Czechoslovakia. He's chairman of the Association for the Protection of Human Rights, a member of the American Sokol organization. Would certainly invite members to go by and take a minute or two to visit with Mr. Prochazka and we'll be having a statement he has passed out and circulated on the floor. So apologize for not making the proper introduction earlier. Senator Chambers, you're recognized to speak on the motion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Brashear a question. Senator Brashear, which are these state employees who make from \$1.00 to whatever the amount was that you told us earlier?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: They are employees classified as student workers and patient workers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are they employees of the state in the full sense of the term?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: They're...