

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I want to find out what their status is because I had never heard of this before.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Well, they are not permanent full-time...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What do they...

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ..but they are part-time state employees and when we start talking about minimum wage, Senator Chambers, we'll look at the statistics of who the minimum wage affects and overwhelmingly it affects part-time workers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What do they do, these workers?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I obtained this information, Senator Chambers, from the Personnel Division, the Department of Administrative Services, and I cannot tell you a lot more than what I've told you now.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, I don't believe there are such employees and, until I get some additional information, I just reject what you said out of hand as...

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Well, then we can adopt the amendment because it would affect no one and no one in state government would be exempt.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I reject what...thank you, Senator Brashear. I reject what he said out of hand as far as these kind of employees making a dollar and something an hour, but here's what I do believe, and Senator Brashear obviously does not. I do believe anybody who performs any work for the state in any capacity, even if they're not considered employees who'd be entitled to workers' comp should they be injured helping one of these people that the Schutzstaffel Department sends them out to help. I'd be in favor of all people who do work for the state earning no less than the minimum wage, but you and I differ there because you're not serious about your amendment. But before I draw that conclusion, let me ask you another question. Senator Brashear, is it your conviction that all those who work for the state or any political subdivision should in fact be paid at least the minimum wage? Is that your conviction?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, I think it is, Senator Chambers.