

have to know how to type and you have to take a test to get those jobs, so the other...so when you look at...

SENATOR LINDSAY: One minute.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...\$6.94 an hour is \$14,000 a year; \$7.20 is almost 15; the \$1,341 a month is \$16,000. A year or so ago when this minimum wage bill was first talked about, one of the things that some of the people who were backing, I don't mean you, Senator Wesely, I mean some people who wanted to bring the minimum wage bill to the Legislature, said that it would be...it would help and deter teenage pregnancy. Now people said that to me and, you know, that's not...we can't base it on that premise because we know that if somebody's...the hourly wage that they make doesn't really have anything to do with teenage pregnancy. That's another whole separate issue and it all ties in with the welfare reform which, as I understand, is costing us more money now than it was before or going to in the long run, and that's all right. I still feel those women need...

SENATOR LINDSAY: Time.

SENATOR CROSBY: ..and those families need some help, but education is the key. I may speak again. Thank you.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thanks, Senator Crosby. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I think it really is unfortunate that we are having to wrangle over a 25-cent increase in the minimum wage. I consider all of the other bills that go through this Legislature which benefit various groups and they slide through without much debate in a lot of instances. Here we come to a situation where we know people are working and they're receiving a very small wage. Remember, we are talking about people who are working. All the yammering that occurs on other bills when we're talking about family values, traditional values and other things dear, supposedly, to the "Repelican" heart they talk about working, and then we have these same people who are opposed to paying a minimum wage which is not adequate. Some of you all really claim to believe the Bible and I think you think that you do, but, Senator Jensen, the Bible says in the New Testament, muzzle not the ox that treadeth the corn; the workman is worthy of his hire. And we can find many other places in the Bible where the