

indicated, Nebraska, based on the information that was handed out by the introducer of the amendment, is 47th in the country relative to average wage, that being \$10.22 an hour. Oregon is the 25th, the median, at \$11.75 an hour. So you have a relatively narrow difference between the 25th and 47th state relative to average wages. Now I want to contrast that with the difference between the first, the highest ranking state for wages, or highest ranking entity that's involved in the study in wages, and the second. Now the second state is Connecticut, who has an average wage of \$16.22. The difference is \$1.47 less than the number one wage payer in the country. So relative...about the same difference between the highest and the second as between the 25th and 47th. Now who do you think...who do you think the highest...where the highest wages are paid in the United States, \$17.69? Washington D.C. I wonder how many private sector jobs there are in D.C. I would yield back the balance of my time to Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President and members of the body, since we have begun to talk a little bit about the Quality Jobs Act and the kind of modification that we're talking about in this bill, the question that I've always asked is, did we mean it? Did we mean it last year when we passed the Quality Jobs Act? Did we mean it just to attract Micron? Or did we think that thoughtful incentives, with clear job potential, high-paying jobs, and significant investment were good public policy? And if we did, then I don't believe the discussion is very difficult, especially since Senator Brashear has been so clear in the development of this legislation that the benefits under it will not be more than what we would have had as benefits under the Quality Jobs Act. And with that, I would yield the rest of my time to Senator Brashear.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Brashear, you have about two minutes left.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, thank you, Senator Brown. We have an amendment before us that would greatly alter the application of federal and state tax law and contort the legal organization of businesses. And we've tried to give you some information that we hope will be helpful in the yellow or goldenrod sheet that says, "The truth, the real truth about LB 775 credits." The Wesley amendment ought to be defeated. That is not to speak