

try and spend \$360,000 to recruit people to jobs in Nebraska, and, again, I suggest that's money that we will be spending that wouldn't have to be spent if the jobs that we have in our state paid better. If we had, instead of the 46th or 47th wages, if we had the 5th or 6th highest wages, you are going to find people attracted to those kind of jobs that pay that kind of money, and I think that's...that's certainly...that's no goal that we are going to ever be able to achieve in this state. We are a low wage state for a number of reasons, but we don't have to be that low. We don't have to be at the bottom. We can do a little better than that, and I'm suggesting we use that economic engine that Senator Brashear is talking about and suggest that some of those elements...

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SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...have not been accomplishing what we want, some of the jobs have not been what we necessarily want to use our limited resources to attract, and let's target and focus and bring in the better paying jobs, and then you will see a flowering around them. If you've got people with good wages and good jobs, they will be able to spend their money on housing. They will be able to spend it on other types of products and services, and businesses will spring up in reaction to that. That's economic development that people can all feel good about. It is not the top down, it's the bottom up. It's help people get decent wages. That'll will stir, stimulate the economy and that will create other jobs and growth in the state of Nebraska. I think...I think that we need to do this. I appreciate, again, the fact that there is a minimum level of wages that's in the bill, but I do think we need to apply that across the board, and I also want to reemphasize I think health care ought to be provided, because when the companies of our state do not provide health care, that responsibility seems to fall on the state or local governments.

SENATOR CROSBY: Time.

SENATOR WESELY: Again, I ask support for the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Warner, on