

Every time you would see him, you'd say, well, there is a Volkswagen somewhere that lost its seatcovers because of the way his outfit looked. So this guy hollered, and I do...I have heard that "garceau" is what you say, but he's like I pronounce French, "garcon, oh, garcon. So the waiter knew he was going to have a problem, so he went over to him, very courteous, and the American was very obnoxious, and after the meal was over, it came to \$20. So the American said, what is the average tip that you boys get here? And so the waiter was very distressed by that but he maintained his calm, he said, \$15. And the American said, well, you get a 15 dollar tip on a 20 dollar meal. And the waiter said, "mai oui".

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So the American dug in his pocket and gave him \$15, he said, here it is, but that seems like an awfully high average to me. And the waiter smiled and said, but, Monsieur, you are the first one to reach the average. Senator Brashear, these averages you talk about may, in reality, apply to nobody, and what Senator Wesely and I are concerned about is making sure that those people on the low end gain something from this bill, and these bills, which currently is not assured, despite what Senator Warner said. As a matter of fact, his comments point out the truth of what I'm saying to you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President. I would like to echo what Senator Chambers just said. That's exactly right. I was praising Senator Brashear for including the minimum wage level into this, and you are right. We did enhance it and now I feel a little bad about being so lavish in my compliments because, truly, the average of 20,000 does nothing. Currently, the 775 average is 22 to 23 thousand, and so setting the floor at 20,000 is nothing. It puts it in statute but it doesn't mean anything, and especially for a situation like UP, so that's a...that's a bone. I appreciate it, but I'd like a little meat on it the next time. That's what we are talking about here. Let's try and make sure with our limited resources, the handout that Senator Schellpeper passed around from Governor Nelson, you know, we just had a report come out yesterday, we are losing more money than we thought through these tax breaks. They are totalling up. I have been talking about this time and again. I