

with me? And I hope you have a good conversation back home because I think it would be pretty hard to sell, go back to the workers in your district and say that the kind of wages that they are getting, that's fine. I think that we need to do better than that. And if you don't like what I am proposing here, if you didn't like the minimum wage, then I think you have some responsibility to come back with some ideas about what we can do about it, and a \$20,000 average isn't going to cut it. That isn't going to do it, and we need to find other ways to try to get those good paying jobs with the benefits that people have talked about in this state for a long time. We don't want to be the third world country for the other states or other countries around...around the world for the plants. We don't want BMW and Mercedes coming here because wages are too high in Germany and good old Nebraskans work for peanuts. You know, they come and they go. When you start to take that approach to economic development, you are headed for trouble because as I...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...as I pointed, again, in the handout, you will see other states, they brought in, Columbia/HCA came into Kentucky, one of my least favorite for-profit healthcare companies. Anyway, Columbia/HCA came into Kentucky. A year later they went on to Tennessee. You've got the situation, Volkswagen, we talked about before, in Pennsylvania; you've got Minnesota. I have got the figures here from all these different states where they have come in and they turn around and go off and they don't end up having a long-term commitment to the state because easy come, easy go, when you provide the sort of economic incentives that we are talking about. We talk about Star Wars, this is state wars, wars between the states, and I understand we have to fight some of those wars, but let's use our limited weapons carefully and target carefully,...

SENATOR CROSBY: Time.

SENATOR WESELY: ...and use our resources to get good-paying jobs. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Jensen. Senator Jensen waives off. Senator Witek. Senator Witek has called the question. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. The question is, shall debate cease? All in favor vote aye,