

well; we've had all this influx of people into the state. And I passed out for you a heading for the hills picture. What it will show is our increase in population is pretty much what the average was in our general area. It wasn't any higher, it wasn't any lower. So the point is that 775 gets the credit for the economy, gets the credit for the strong sort of effort we've seen in job creation over the past few years. It talks about the population increases and it isn't responsible. It is at the right place at the right time. The economy has rebounded after 1987, was on its way back up anyway. The job creation, as I said, the study shows 70 percent would happen anyway; 30 percent are the ones that are truly affected by it. What we've got to do is separate those projects that are costing us money and not accomplishing the goal of good jobs and economic growth in the state apart from those that are good jobs and are strong for the economy, and I would argue that Union Pacific is the kind of company we want to attract. Those are the kind of jobs that we want for the state, and I appreciate the effort for trying to assist them. But at the same time as the door opens for them, others can walk through it as well, and what we need to do is try to make sure that there is a minimum wage for those tax break jobs that get the credits. That is the sort of level that we want for our citizens. Again, as I talked about before, we are 45th to 47th in the states, among the states in terms of our wages. If you have questions about this amendment, the question I ask back is, then, what will we do about that problem? How can we use the leverage of the state to accomplish higher wages for the workers of our state? We seem not to want to do the minimum wage increase, which was 25 cents. Now I am back suggesting...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...that if you didn't like that, let's target those middle income jobs that we want to have and attract more of in the state, and let's use our resources through the tax break legislation we've passed to truly bring in the good jobs to Nebraskans that Nebraskans deserve. We are hardworking people. We are productive people. We deserve better wages than we are getting, and this is one way we can do something, as a Legislature. I ask your support for the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wesely. You've heard the closing. The question is the adoption of the Wesely amendment