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average real income of high-income families grew by 15 percent. The small growth in the incomes of low-income families over the last decade was not enough to make up for the decline in incomes during the previous decade. Nationwide,...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...from the late seventies to the late 1990s...I'll finish later. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Senator Wickersham, if you'd be willing to answer a couple of questions for me.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Would you respond, Senator?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Excuse me, I forgot to say, Mr. President, members.. Senator Wickersham, this has I think been a very interesting discussion. There's one...there's been a point made that I want to be very clear about, and that happens to be Senator Bruning raised the issue that there are some young people who are now getting these stock options who may be budgeting into their future, planning on this as a savings or a plan that they have. You responded, and I didn't get to hear the entire explanation, that you think that your amendment takes care of that group of people, or...or does it...does it not? I mean I'm concerned about the issue of some very middle-income people who are using this as a plan for...eventually for the future. And I thought I heard you say...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Okay.

SENATOR BOHLKE: ...that you've taken...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yeah, okay, I...

SENATOR BOHLKE: ...that into consideration.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Okay. I don't know how many people are