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a 5 percent corporate tax credit. This is almost a wash. Now that isn't...that isn't...I can't give you any computer printout that is going to verify that because I'm not a computer nerd or whiz, and I am not referring to anybody in particular. (Laughter) I guess I'm the nerd and Senator Raikes is the whiz and I am not in the same league with him, but I'm willing to admit that. But I am pretty practical about it. If it doesn't develop jobs, then it really doesn't cost anything. Say this bill is passed and it never...it never is an incentive for the creation of a single job. Well, then there is going to be no tax credit against corporate income tax. Of course, there'll be...there'll be some bureaucratic or administrative expense in the Department of Revenue, so it won't be exactly...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR MATZKE: ...a free ride, but I think that this is an act that's going to have to prove itself, and I think Senator Raikes looks at it very realistically. If it doesn't work, we're going to have a chance in four years to kill it or renew it. And I think it'll work, and I can give you, as I say, a personal example of this as I will later in this debate, but I appreciate Senator Raikes' analysis of it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Matzke. Further debate on the Beutler amendment, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I am going to hammer and hammer on the issue that I think is most important, forgetting every thing else in this bill. This bill gives benefits to the businesses. However, it gives the business to the workers. Workers are not even considered in this bill. Now I know, without being a resident of a rural community, I know without ever having lived on a farm, that there are farm families who cannot make a living from the farm. So they take jobs in the cities, and they take very low-paying jobs. And between trying to eke out a living on the farm and on this low-paying job, they still are in serious trouble as pointed out by what Senator Coordsen told us when it comes to insurance coverage. Well, I want him to know that they might can take comfort from the fact that I have no insurance of any kind, and have not had any for decades. I cannot afford