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shown at the top of the page, in the one, two, three, four, five, six, seventh column. The average wage statewide is \$25,538, about 25 and a half thousand dollars. Compare that with the information starting with Arthur County and running down you will see that, and that average wage included all those, the counties with low average wages. You will see what the disparity is. Now if you turn over to the second page, you will, and run down to Red Willow County, that's the last county that would qualify or find it beneficial to qualify under this act, because Red Willow County would qualify with 29 employees. That's the first 70 counties that would...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR MATZKE: ...benefit. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: You had one minute left, Senator, if you want to use it.

SENATOR MATZKE: Oh, I saw your finger and I thought that was the end.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: No, one minute.

SENATOR MATZKE: One minute, okay. I'll conclude then. Below Red Willow County, you will find 23 counties starting with 32 employees to qualify; they would not qualify under this bill. Actually, they have it available but they would find that LB 775 would be more beneficial to them because LB 775 includes not only an income tax credit, the sales tax credit. So any county that where 1/2 of 1 percent of the employment in the county exceeds 30 employees would find it more beneficial to qualify under LB 775 and, of course, in those counties, you will largely find counties whose average annual wage exceeds the state average of \$25,000.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR MATZKE: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Matzke. (Visitors introduced.) Debate on the Beutler amendment to the committee