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not be a single county or individual who is actually receiving whatever that average supposedly is. So when they talk about these regions, Senator Matzke, contrary to what he suggested, contrary to what Senator Schimek apparently believes, it does not mean that these figures that we see here will be the average in a given region or in a county. In the county you do some averaging and you look at whichever is the lower, that average which is produced by looking at the county, or that which is produced by dealing with the state average, whichever of the two is lower. I don't see that listed on this sheet that Senator Matzke gave us. And maybe I'm missing something here, but every formula that is used, every total or average we come up with should be included on this sheet that he gave us to let us see the amount that we're dealing with. I doubt that anybody here believes that in Arthur County a person is going to be paid...let me ask a question. I'd like to ask Senator Matzke a question.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Matzke.

SENATOR MATZKE: Yes, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Matzke, somebody said that Arthur County is a place where only a few hundred people live. Is that true? Is that the county that they mentioned?

SENATOR MATZKE: I think the population is 417 for the county.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you're telling us that under this bill the average wage in Arthur County will become \$19,600 a year.

SENATOR MATZKE: In order to qualify for this, under this act, an employer would have to pay that, yes. The average wage there today is the lowest in the state at \$12,546.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So which employer do you think is going to settle or open a business in Arthur County when the going wage is \$12,000 and they're going to have to pay \$19,000?

SENATOR MATZKE: Arthur County would be very attractive to a trucking company that employed four or five people with large semis that hauled livestock from the Sandhills and those