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workers, meat packers were paid up to \$15.00 an hour. Now they start between \$8.50 and I think I heard the number \$10.00 is touted as a high number by Arnie Stuthman. The difference between a \$15 wage in the seventies and a \$9 wage today is actually the difference between a \$25 an hour job today, because that is what it would be if it was a seventies job, to a \$9 wage. In other words, the wages have been cut in half in their spending power. And what's that meant? It means you don't get a local worker. It means you don't get a union. What it means is, if you have a job this unattractive and dangerous, so that 33 percent of the workers get injured, and you pay that low of a wage, so that as I heard from Senator Combs it was essentially the same as McDonald's, what happens to the workplace market? It draws people that are so desperate for work that they will do practically anything, including doing this work. And that's what happens. And by the way, what happens when you get a worker that desperate for work? Number one, they won't organize; number two, they won't complain; and, number three, it makes them terrifically vulnerable to exploitation and that's the history that we have here; not across the board. By the way, I can't find a single complaint about the Farmland Company down in Crete. There isn't a single thing on record as far as a problem they've had, and I'm sure there are other operations that are the same. However, it occurs often enough that this should be discouraging for us. The IBP plant in Gibbon, Nebraska, had 322 undocumented workers out of 471 checked; 320 out of 470 undocumented workers, a discrepancy rate of 68 percent. Excel Corporation, Schuyler, 482 out of 1,800; IBP in Dakota City, 480 out of 3,000; Monfort, Grand Island, 450 out of 2,000; IBP in Lexington, 350 out of 2,400; Nebraska Beef, 350 out of 1,600; IBP, Madison, 250 out of 1,000. In other words, you have a huge number of the most vulnerable kinds of workers. And what does it mean for them when it finally means coming to work? It means tough working conditions. In the Omaha World-Herald article about the kinds of conditions that we have... I am sorry, it was the Lincoln Star who did the work Angel Rodriguez said he was fired and thrown out of Nebraska Beef Packing for complaining about timely payment of overtime pay. He said to his manager, we say if you're not paying overtime, we're not working. He said I talk loud. Later that day, he and another worker who had complained were handed their