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we're saying, you know what, you used to be a taxpayer, now you don't have to be a taxpayer. We'll let you go without your sales tax and your income tax. If we do that, if we "incent" that, we ought to get a quality job in return. And \$18,000 a year is the barest beginning of what a quality job is. In fact, self-sufficiency in the Sioux City area for a family of four is about \$40,000. Eighteen thousand dollars is not too much to ask if we're going to give millions of dollars of tax forgiveness. That's the FA1207. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I now have... Senator Baker had an amendment printed, but I had a note from Senator Baker that he wished to withdraw. Mr. President, Senator Don Pederson, AM0803, again, Senator, I understand you want to withdraw AM0803.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Correct.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Don Pederson would move to amend with AM0883. (Legislative Journal page 959.)

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Pederson, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this is kind of a difficult subject to talk about. We're talking about just plain dollars. But beyond that, we're talking about what is LB 775. LB 775 is a bill that we passed and has been a basis for the development in the state. It's been mentioned on a number of other facets of this particular bill, the quality of what we have been able to accomplish in Nebraska, the jobs that we have brought to the state. Now what does this amendment do? As Senator Landis has just said, currently there is no requirement for wages or benefits or whatever in the current plan, and they chose to come in with a proposal for specific dollar amounts; \$8.70 if there are no benefits, and \$9.57 if...or the other way around, \$8.70 if no benefits, and \$9.57 if there are benefits. Now the concern...the other way around? Okay.