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this big government, when what we could and should do is say that the bottom of the wage scale is going to be constructed so that benefits bubble up as well as benefits trickling down. And that would give some stability to the wage system. And that would keep people off government programs. And we could go along with a stable kind of system, instead of herky-jerky, well, maybe this fifth or sixth year we'll increase the minimum wage. And so the evolution of thought on this has been to develop these standards. And the very best standard that has yet been developed is localized to Nebraska as opposed to the rest of the nation, and has been localized to counties, and that is the self-sufficiency standard that has been put together by the Appleseed Center. Now, the Appleseed Center is no radical left-wing group. In fact, the self-sufficiency standards they put together are more conservative, more conservative than the standards put together by the Business Bureau of Nebraska. I passed out to you last week...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...I hope you still have them...the piece by the Business Bureau of Nebraska indicating what it takes for low-income people to get by in Nebraska. And their figures were higher than the Appleseed Center, who has now broken it down county by county. And I wanted to ask you to look at what I passed out to you today, the comparison of wage standards under LB 608. But it takes the Pederson amendment, AM0883, and compares it to poverty level, compares it to the committee amendment, and then compares it to two family situations under the self-sufficiency standard of the very best study that we have. And I think if you look at that carefully, you'll recognize that what is being recommended is woefully inadequate in terms of supporting...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...people at the bottom of the wage scale.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you.