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wage that's paid. But the language of the amendment says "compensation." It doesn't say "wage." And so at a very minimum, there's a great uncertainty here about the whole meaning even of the inadequate level that's there, because to my knowledge, the word "compensation" itself is not defined anywhere. So we have an inadequate standard in the first place, which is further undermined by the uncertainty even of how it would be applied. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. We are discussing the committee amendments, which were divided in five components. This is the fourth component, FA1207, and an amendment to it, AM0883. On with discussion of that amendment. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. Thank you. Mr. President and members, I rise in opposition to the Pederson amendment. And I have to say, I've listened intently to the discussion that has transpired on this bill over the last several days, and I'm really puzzled and somewhat incredulous that the discussion is going in the direction it is on this bill. I have to tell you that when the Lancaster County senators had their annual town hall meeting out at the county fairgrounds in August, our constituents were incensed about LB 775 and the fact that we don't know what's going on as far as the businesses and what they're making and who they're employing and how many they're laying off of those that they employed. They are very, very firm in their belief that the Legislature needs to do more to get a handle on what's going on with LB 775. And I have to tell you, as Senator Kruse did, I'm not an opponent of LB 775. I think it's done some good things. And I've said before on this floor, if I had been here when we voted on it, I probably wouldn't have voted for it. But in retrospect, it's done some really good economic development for this state. But how can we as a body make public policy if we don't even have the facts? I just don't understand where we're going with this. Regarding the particular amendment, I would echo some of what Senator Beutler said. It seems to me, if there's anyplace that we need good wages, it's in the rural areas. How else are you ever going to keep young people in those areas, or attract new people to those areas, if you don't have a decent wage, a livable wage?