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wages. We've got a lot of different kinds of data. And what the committee was asking for there was something in the construct a system of measurement and then take a sort of a clustering in the middle. That was the idea. Could it be improved? Yes. Would it be difficult to administer? I think it would present some difficulties. Is it impossible to administer? I don't think so, because Iowa is doing exactly that. But I would acknowledge that there would be some difficulty in administering at the beginning to come up with a mechanism for doing this. We could be more helpful than where we are so far. But it was essentially an idea that got advanced. And that's where we are now.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Landis and Senator Pedersen. Senator Tyson.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't recall that I have ever cast a vote for a minimum wage, because I think voting for a minimum wage is a waste of time. I think it is folly to put actual dollar amounts into legislation. The market is eventually going to rule, and the market will depend on productivity and the scarcity of labor. And that's all. You might ask yourself, what are the starting wages right now at Amigo's and McDonald's and Burger King? And why is it so much more than the minimum wage? The fourth part of this divided question, and this amendment that we're discussing, one is the long way around the barn, and the other one is a longer way around the barn. Eventually, they're going to have to pay what it takes to get productive people that will work hard. Even if you're talking about beginning wages, that's still what's going to have to happen. And the fear that I have, and one of the reasons I've never voted for a minimum wage, is that a...when you put a cap...pardon me, when you put a base on that, you may inadvertently, unintentionally be putting a cap on it. The employer can say, well, that's all I have to pay. Now, the man or woman who he is paying that may be a productive individual who is earning him quite a bit more through their productivity. But he doesn't have to pay them, and as long as he can replace that labor unit, which is what we're talking about, then this acts as a cap. Only the market can force him to raise his wages. Again, why are fast food joints paying more than the