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about good pay and I'm in favor of everybody receiving as high a wage as they can take, but I think that it's important for us to recognize that what this does in this case is not set a maximum wage. What this does is sets a standard of wage. We've never had one up until now, but all of a sudden the committee has determined that we must have one. I've not heard one statement of an abuse of the existing LB 775 in respect to wages and things of that nature. So we're trying to say other states have a certain wage standard so we should have a certain wage standard in order to qualify for business incentives. I'm saying that this is a tough economic time in the state and, frankly, we have two economies that have been developing. We have the economy that's developing in the urban areas and it's very vital, but we would like some of those businesses to move out into the state so that the whole state can share in the benefits of development and keep their young people in their communities. But I know from speaking to economic developers that if you have the same wage scale for urban areas and for the rural areas there's not that incentive to move to the rural areas. And you have seen what I have passed among you as to the wages that are paid in some of those areas, and so we have to somewhat stay tuned into what are being offered in the way of wages within those areas. And these people want to work. They want to stay in their own home. But what business is going to move there and face a barrier to development? They will pay decent wages. Otherwise, the people aren't going to work there. I think North Platte, although it's not exactly rural, it has shown that if you offer the better mousetrap you're going to get the mice, and that's what's happened in North Platte and I think that we need to benefit...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: ...from what's actually happened. And it's been mentioned that there was the economic development bill that was proposed originally for rural economics and we all patted ourselves on the back and said, we sure did a good job. We offered economic incentives for rural areas, but we set it in such a poor fashion, by setting it so high, that they didn't get any offers. So we can be theoretical or we can be practical. I ask you to consider my amendment in the way of practicality to