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Senator Pederson said there's a problem with identifying the healthcare component. Fair enough, there is. Now, speaking only for myself and not with respect to any members of the committee and not with any of the other supporters because this idea comes from many places, I would accept an amendment that says \$8.70 an hour in the rural...in the urban areas, using the indicator or the index that the committee reported out because it's the only legitimate index that's been offered. The federal minimum wage is an insulting index. It's a very bad idea. Secondly, for the rural tier, I would take exactly what Al Wenstrand suggested to the committee, which was \$8.25 and 75 percent of the annual wage. In other words, it's a less aggressive index. If that was put in amendment form, I would vote for it. I won't make that offer to the lobby, because the lobby has turned that offer down. Lobby says they don't want to go above \$8 in rural areas. I understand that. I would make the suggestion to the body rather than the lobby, would that be fair and would it move it forward, \$8.70 and the workers' comp index for the urban areas, \$8.25 and the less aggressive index for the rural areas? If we could live with that, we could do that and stop doing what we're doing, which is standing up and making our speeches about whether we like LB 775 or we don't like LB 775, and maybe we could get a little progress here. If you have a reaction to that, I would be interested in it. I certainly stand behind the committee amendment and I'll be happy to take it to a vote because I believe in it, but my guess is that the body wants to do something different and if I can save us some time and effort to do that and identify something we can live with, I'm interested in pursuing that. I'm not interested in negotiating with the lobby through Senator Brashear's good offices as the shuttle diplomat, and I'm not interested in whatever message there is in staying below...

SENATOR SCHIMEK PRESIDING

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...\$8 an hour in the rural areas. Al Wenstrand says \$8.25 and a less aggressive index. I'd take it at face value. I've got a lot more confidence in Al than I do the lobby.