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SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Landis. The next speaker is Senator Louden.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Madam Speaker and members of the body. My observation is that if we're going to give tax incentives to corporations and so forth, and if they're going to have jobs then at least we should have jobs that are above poverty level. I think the amendment, the way it is with the \$8.70 an hour, is something that I can support. We didn't ask as much disclosure from some of the corporations with our...some of our other amendments, and I don't think it's out of reason to ask them to pay a wage that would be above poverty level. Most of these wages you're talking about are paid by corporations in other states anyway, so when they come to Nebraska it isn't something that they have to turn wrong-side out to pay this much. It isn't a wage that's higher than in other states. This is supposed to be about jobs anyway. It isn't supposed to be about bondage. And when you start with your lower your wages for rural areas different from urban areas, part of the reason the living...cost of living is lower in rural areas is because they haven't had the privilege to have higher wages. I'm sure if the wages were paid more in rural areas, they would...their standard of living would be higher so their cost of living would probably go up right along with it. This isn't something that I think we should legislate to have a different class of people. After all, this isn't Northern Ireland, where you have two different classes of people and you legislate what kind of job they have. I think everyone in Nebraska is entitled to the same base pay if we're going to use a tax incentive to promote it. So I think when companies come here to locate in Nebraska, they're usually looking for a conscientious work force, and that's usually what they find in Nebraska. So I would support the committee amendment the way it is. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Louden. The next speaker is Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Madam President. Peonage, indentured servitude, sweat-shop labor, "neoslavery" are concepts of which Nebraska should not be proud. Nebraska should