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riled up here. But anyway, you got my point. Thanks.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Chair recognizes Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Madam President, members of the body, I rise to ponder aloud I guess where we are, because I think maybe we don't want to be here and maybe we don't go where we're going to go if we don't change the course we're at. I understand that...I heard what Senator Landis said and I understand, so nothing I'm saying is a reflection on that. You get to a point sometimes where you don't want to negotiate and so on. I've just never found that, for me, to be productive. I keep trying to work at a solution. And we're at a point where we can have the \$8.70 per hour urban and the full escalator index, and we're theoretically 30 cents apart on the rural wage and we can have what everybody seems to think maybe is an acceptable lesser escalator index that reflects the rural condition. But then when I back up and try to take a larger view of the picture, let's remember what we're dealing with in the bill as I understand the bill. We're talking about credits for projects that have 30, quote, high-paying jobs. The strange part as I examine this is that you're only getting credits for the 30 high-paying jobs and that's specifically set forth in...well, I'll just say in the white copy of the amendment, page 22, subsection (4)(a), line 4, you're only getting credits for the 30 high-paying jobs. And you have...you can have other jobs for which you're not getting credits, but then we go over on page 28 and we say, but each and every job has to be at this level in order to get the project at all. And if each and every job at the project isn't at this minimal level, then even if you would, by that project, create 30 high-paying jobs in the rural area, you can't get the credit. You can't qualify. And I can't believe...maybe I'm just missing something and I'm wrong. I just can't believe, after laboring on this day after day after day and having come as far as we've all come together, that we're going to be separated by 30 cents a hour on some jobs, not on the 30 high-paying jobs, but we're going to lose the whole project in terms of trying to make this bill more meaningful in the rural areas for the sake of an economy that we need all the projects that we can create, in my opinion, but I'm one of those