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than it would be in FA1208, and probably in some counties more than it would have been in my amendment even. That's possible. But the wage level, so let's go to wage level a little bit, and if we go with the bill as it has been amended in the last section with your amendment, which in counties under 20,000 would be... is that \$8.25, \$8.25?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Landis.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Landis, how, if you know, how would that compare with the wage level that would have been required under LB 936, which was, if I'm reading this information correctly, would have been 25 percent above the average wage...

SENATOR LANDIS: For the county.

SPEAKER BROMM: ...for the county? Do you have any data? Do you know how that eight and a quarter would compare with that?

SENATOR LANDIS: Actually, there were sections of the state where we did that...

SPEAKER BROMM: Yeah.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...analysis, and the answer generally is that this would be lower. The answer generally is it would be lower. That when we finally got around to doing the math on that bill, the starting wage proved to be higher than the kinds of jobs that would be attracted by it. And there were sections where it was 11 or 12 dollars, and higher than that in Omaha, had you tried to use it in Omaha; I mean, in other words, that section of the state.

SPEAKER BROMM: Yeah.

SENATOR LANDIS: But, generally speaking, the number that we've adopted in LB 608 would be lower than what the multicounty areas where we ran the LB 936 numbers produced.

SPEAKER BROMM: Okay.