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clarifying the law. This isn't helping make a bright line, because people aren't going to understand this any better than they understood the court decision and they're not going to know whether they're covered or not. What works, I think, one way of making it work would be to use a simpler but valid indicator of simply the number of employees. I think what's even better is to use an indicator or a line drawn in accordance with wages paid but.. and that's the course.. that's the way they do it in a number of other states. But the drafters of this...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...have chosen not to do it that way. But if you're not going to use wages paid, which I think is the simplest and clearest and the type of distinction that's best able to be administered cheaply, then you should use wages... then you should use the number of employees and work with that particular standard, and that's what we will have, that's what we will have if you adopt this amendment. You will still have a dividing line of six employees, which will make a distinction between small operations and larger operations, and I'd like to talk about that a little bit more when I have additional time. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Cudaback, you are recognized to speak.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Madam President, members, I guess anything we do down here, you know, if it's worth anything at all, affects somebody. It affects somebody and, naturally, we look at our districts first. That's what we're appointed to come down here or voted to come down here, to represent our district. So you get these phone calls and so on from people who live in your district who the bill before us might affect. I have a lot of cattle feeders and so on in my area, and so it goes without saying that some may not like this particular amendment. But the overall bill itself, it's a complicated bill and perhaps we all don't understand it like we should. We can't go to every hearing, we're... whether in Appropriations, we're in Revenue, whether we're in Urban Affairs, or whether we're Transportation. We can't be every place at one time, so sometimes we get out our