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idea. But like all ideas, it requires some validation, and it requires authentication. And the double handful of dead trees that Senator Beutler had passed out here remind me of a remark of Mark Twain, that there are lies, damned lies, and statistics. I don't know anyone that's making minimum wage. I don't know of anyone making minimum wage. I do know that there are people who are so unproductive, or so unprepared to work that they are not "hireable." But the only thing that drives wages is the ability to produce and the scarcity of labor. Now, stop and think of what we're doing. You've heard from a man who is an expert. I think he's an expert. I know he comes from more than 50 miles away. Would Senator Cunningham respond to a question?

SENATOR CUDABACK:      Would you respond to a question, Senator Cunningham?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:    Yes.

SENATOR TYSON:      Senator Cunningham, do you own a briefcase?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:    Yeah. It's wore out.

SENATOR TYSON:      Those are the two requirements of being an expert. You have to own a briefcase, and come from more than 50 miles away. Senator Cunningham, as an owner of a small business, has already explained to you the basic economics of a business. And when you pay minimum wage, or any other wage, you also incur a burden. That burden...and I used to compute it at 42 percent, if you have vacation and holidays and you're paying 7.35 percent Social Security, FICA, SUCI, FUCI, and a few other things, and insurance, as Senator Cunningham pointed out he was, what you're doing, if you get that too high, you will have what Senator Redfield outlined--people being terminated because you can't afford them. I think that this is what we have in this bill. And I don't know that...where the threshold is right now. But I do know that minimum wages are, generally speaking, a bad idea. They're either ahead of their time or behind their time, but they're never on time.

SENATOR CUDABACK:      One minute.