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that's really concerned me. And what really concerned me too is repairs. Because repairs for tractors, you know, is expensive anyway, and then to have them say, well, they're higher this year. And then on top of it, we're talking...nothing to do with this bill, but we're talking about putting a sales tax on the labor on repairs, so that's going to be a big cost too. But I think that this here is something, one road, we should not go down, because the small businesses is really going to be hurt by this. They might, a lot of them, pay minimum wage right now. But when they add that cost up and then the people above that, well, we've got to have a salary increase. And I think Senator Cunningham laid that out pretty good, of the percent-wise adds up to a lot of dollars. So I think that's the reason that I'm really concerned about something like this happening right now when we're in desperate need across the state, and especially in agriculture, whether we're going to be able to survive another year, especially if we have a drought like we've had last year. So we don't know where we're at for sure. So let's don't do something like this now. So I'm totally against the amendment and the bill too. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jones. Senator Beutler, followed by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, there's so much to talk about. And I must say, I disagree with the conclusions in a whole number of respects. But let me just talk about who the minimum wage people are. First of all, as best we can determine, there are 18 to 20 thousand of them that are at or below minimum wage who could be assisted by this bill. The majority of people who are on minimum wage are not kids. They're not youth. Notwithstanding everything you've heard today, it has never been statistically true and is not statistically true today that most of them are kids. Majority of them are adults. And a great many of them these days...you all may be beginning to see the changes in fast-food places, where there are a lot of retired people, older people going back to work because they can't support themselves and they can't support their ailing spouses. They are working for minimum wage. And that's another area where maybe government programs would be alleviated a little bit if a fair wage was being paid