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talking about something in the range of 5 to 7 percent being affected. Those who are directly affected, earning \$5.15 and lower, are not even 4 percent of the population in Nebraska. And if you assume some kind of effect then among other salary levels, there is a broader effect. But I think it's also interesting to note that with respect to the restaurant industry, as between 15 years ago and today, it used to be that people ate out only about 20 percent of the time or less. Now it's up to nearly 40 percent of the time, and that's simply because in Nebraska 70 percent of women now work. So if there is any...

SPEAKER BROMM: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...industry...

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Beutler. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm glad sometimes when women and women's groups come here to see how little respect is had for them, and when we talk about something that relates to working mothers, single mothers, they can see how insensitive and cruel this Legislature is. Senator Cunningham, a grocer, talks about his problems. Not one business has closed because of the minimum wage. Not one building in his little town has boarded up a storefront because of the minimum wage. These little towns collapse because the agricultural sector is collapsing, and that's not because of minimum wage, because minimum wage does not even apply. I get sick of these rural people bringing in this kind of stuff, then they want some people in the cities to help them when their issues come up. I'm going to show you how I can pay back. The rural way of life is over. These little towns will continue to shut down, and part of it could be the narrow-mindedness of the adults who live in these little towns. Senator Cunningham kept talking about the majority of these businesses pay more than minimum wage. You know what the minimum wage is for? It's to help those who are being left behind. If the majority of businesses are paying the minimum wage, why are they fighting this so much? They're already doing it. Senator Mines talks