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wage being in place, are they?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Senator Chambers, that's not the only reason.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, I'm just...

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: I didn't...I didn't say that was the only reason.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you take it step by step, so that we can focus on this discussion? Because you were responding to me...

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and you were showing me that shops are going empty and main streets in rural areas are becoming desolate because of the minimum wage. You said you believe the minimum wage has something to do with it, and I don't. Let me ask you this. How many people would be living in some of these small towns that are now virtually empty if there were no minimum wage? Would that bring them back into these small towns? Is that what you're saying?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: No, I'm not saying that, Senator. I don't know the answer to that, actually.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. You do know the answer, but you don't want to give it because it would take away from the argument that you want to give. That's all I'll ask you, and then you can show me where I'm wrong, if you want to, on your time. Senator Burling stood up and talked about the minimum wage not having accomplished what its purpose was. I'd like to ask Senator Burling a question.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Burling, would you yield?

SENATOR BURLING: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Burling, what do you think was the