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about all these old people who call me and say they can't get medicine. I should tell them, you should have stayed healthy; you should have saved your money. But you know why they come to me and they'll tell me they're not in my district? Because I will listen to them and their senator won't.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time. Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Kruse, followed by Senator Chambers. Senator Kruse. Is Senator Kruse on the floor? Here he comes. Thank you.

SENATOR KRUSE: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I support the bill and I need to say that. I won't take long to say that because I may have a simple mind on this point. It seems to me that we need to do right by those who have the lowest wages among us, and I find the reasons against it to be pretty flimsy. We're not going to do right by them because that's going to raise the wages for people further up. It's called indexing. Well, we didn't create indexing. Let those who created it fix their own problem, and let them not use the poorest persons for excuse. We also like to come up with anecdotes of youth, and there are a few youth in that, but there's a lot more adults. We have a simple problem that we have not changed this figure for years while inflation has gone on. As I said, I didn't have much to say on it. That's as simple as it is. It's time to fix the figure, bring it up, and I would sincerely hope that it would not heavil impact businesses. If a small business has a problem with indexing then take care of it, but don't blame it on the poor. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM PRESIDING

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I was talking to Senator Mines as we were leaving this floor this morning and I mentioned to him that he knows of the poor but I know poor people. Most people on this floor know of poor people. I know poor people. And I explained to him how some businesses who are covered by the minimum wage law get out of paying it. They tell very poor people, I'll fire you if you make a complaint; you have no job; and it will be my word