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breadwinners in their families, so it's not even a matter of primary. For 40 percent, they're the only one in the family. And I just wanted to remind everybody again that we do have a training wage. We do have a specific section of statute that says if you're younger than 20 years old, not a seasonal employee, you can work at a rate of \$4.25 an hour for 90 days. So I don't know if you want the training wage to be for an additional number of months or what people would like, but that's something that could be discussed. But I would ask how much training it takes to do well at a minimum level job. In any event, this particular amendment backs off from what the original bill would propose, and again I would remind you that it takes the top level, \$6.30, which was to go into effect in April of next year, reduces it to \$6.00 and puts it into effect a year later than April of next year, so that from 1997, when the minimum wage was last changed, if you adopt this amendment you will be in a position of essentially doing no more than keeping the minimum wage up with inflation over that period of time. That's all we would be doing. I'd ask for the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Beutler. You've heard the closing on amendment FA1311. All in favor vote aye, and opposed nay. Have you all voted that care to vote? Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, I'd ask for a call of the house and a roll call vote.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Beutler. A call of the house has been requested. All in favor please vote aye, and opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to place the house under call.

SPEAKER BROMM: The house is under call. Members, please report to your seats and check in. Unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. Please check in. Senator Stuhr, Senator Hudkins. You may call the roll, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal