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understanding of what we're doing. But that's keeping me from getting to this little work force development piece, which I really didn't want to get to this time, because, Senator Vrtiska, you're going to say I don't have any more time in about 15 seconds. And you're looking very stern, so I know exactly when that 15 seconds ends, you're going to tell me exactly then that I have no more time.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you.

SENATOR VRTISKA: (Visitors introduced.) Mr. Speaker.  
Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Redfield would move to amend Senator Chambers' amendment. (FA1314, Legislative Journal page 1283.)

SENATOR VRTISKA: Senator Redfield.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska, members of the body. I pointed out earlier that there was an error in the amendment that was before you, and so I have filed an amendment which would correct that. It would then read, on line 8, ...the numbers would remain the same. It would then turn it to \$5.45. It does one more thing. It addresses the second year out, and it changes the \$6.30 in the current green copy to \$5.75, and in essence creates a 30-cent raise in the first year, a 30-cent raise in the second year. I can read numbers, and it looked to me like Senator Beutler didn't have the votes to go forward with the proposal that he had before us. Senator Chambers was reading those numbers as well, and he was proposing to use something that he felt might be meeting in the middle. But it didn't address the second year. So I am putting before you an amendment which would address both of those years, and would in effect create a 30-cent raise the first year, to \$5.45, and 30-cent raise the second year, and would then leave it at \$5.75 until the Legislature would choose to take action in the future or the federal minimum wage might change. I don't know if this is too rich. I don't know if this is too poor. But I think