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SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I will point out that this does affect all the workers in Nebraska. I do believe that, because I do believe it's going to ratchet up the pay scale for all of the Nebraska workers. I also think it's going to ratchet up the cost of the goods. Now, what's that mean? Well, that means that we're going to collect more sales taxes, it means we're going to collect more income taxes, but it also means that proportionately, corporate taxes, as their profits go down, we will again see that corporate taxes, as a proportion of the state revenue, will go down. So this is a big business bill, I guess, because in fact we're going to see that they're going to bear less of the cost as their profits go down. I don't like that idea. I don't like the idea of people paying more taxes. But I do like the idea that we can bring all of our ideas to the table, we can find compromise, we can recognize the reality that for most Nebraska workers the minimum wage is not something that even enters into the picture, but that in fact they are already earning more than that. And, Senator Chambers, it still is only 7 percent of the people affected here who are single parents. And we can't change that. But every one of them is important to us as Nebraska legislators. So I would ask for your support for this amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Redfield. You've heard the closing on the Redfield amendment. All in favor please vote aye, and opposed nay. We're voting on the Redfield amendment, if you care to vote.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Mr. Speaker, may I call the house, please?

SPEAKER BROMM: Yes. Senator Redfield has requested a call of the house. All in favor please vote aye, and opposed nay. Please record. Senator Redfield indicates...we are under call. The house is under call. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to place the house under call.

SPEAKER BROMM: Please return to your seats, and unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. Senators, please check in.