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choices. I told you that prices are going to go up, but they do have a couple other choices. They could cut the other benefits, like I talked about. We could cut health insurance, we could cut our profit-sharing plan, or, at the very least, we could cut jobs. We could cut jobs. And I passed out some information yesterday, told about the federal minimum wage in 1996, and it was calculated 128,000 minimum wage jobs were lost because of that increase. So I wish that you would really seriously consider this. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Cunningham. You've heard the opening on the bracket motion to 1-1-04. Open for discussion. Senator Chambers, followed by Senators Janssen and Thompson. Senator Chambers, on the bracket motion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, we did a lot of work on this bill yesterday. We, some of us, experienced what might be called heartburn. We discussed all aspects of the minimum wage. And I can sympathize with Senator Cunningham, but I'm not going to say build the whole state's program around Senator Cunningham and Hallstrom, that lobbyist. I told Mr. Hallstrom that I'm fed up with the way they do on matters that are of concern to me. They will twist senators' arms. They will bring pressure to bear. They will threaten people when they run for office. Well, just like I told the NCAA they're dealing with somebody their own size, well, Hallstrom is now also. And when they show such contempt for the people that I'm concerned about, I'm going to show those he is concerned about a thing or two. Senator Cunningham is not even going to stay in the grocery business very long. He's getting a job lined up for himself and he'll be making more than minimum wage, so why should he care about people who actually need that money? I don't think it was that easy for our friend, Little Red Riding Hood, girl, you sure are looking good. Oh, excuse me. I saw Senator Redfield in a red outfit and I thought maybe she wore it for me because of what I said yesterday, but it is very becoming. I don't think it was that easy for Senator Redfield to do all the work she did yesterday to help us craft something that would show that the Legislature is willing to address this issue. In the same way that Richard Nixon was able to open the doors to China so that America and China could talk,