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off?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Yes, I laid two off.

SENATOR THOMPSON: And you had to cut your profit sharing and all the other things that you were talking about, health insurance?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: No, at that time I didn't. I just...I laid people off.

SENATOR THOMPSON: To be able to meet the minimum wage. Do you think most businesses are of the nature that they would do that for 50 cents?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: They have no choice. It's one of three things: you lay off, you increase prices, what's the other one? Mental blank, but there's three choices.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Okay. And so...but you were able to still operate your store adequately with the employees you had left?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Yeah, but we've had to become more efficient. We've had to push a lot harder for efficiencies, and you're seeing that through...

SENATOR THOMPSON: So it wasn't, except for the two employees who were laid off, you had people who were making more of a living wage and you were still able to operate your store. Is that correct?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Yes, I was able to operate my store, but people lost their job.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Okay. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I have not spoken on this issue either but have been listening very intently for the last couple days. I just felt