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SENATOR MINES: Thank you, Mr. President. Colleagues, I'm going to support Senator Cunningham's bracket motion and I guess I really do appreciate the point of view and an example of a small businessperson in rural Nebraska and background on how, in fact, it is difficult out there for any number of reasons, but certainly increasing the minimum wage would compound any problems they might have. The work that was done yesterday in this body wasn't the work of the entire body. I guess I would commend Senator Redfield for her potential solution to bringing together compromise, but I view that as more of a motion to stop the discussion to...to move the discussion along. And work in this body, to me, doesn't necessarily mean continued debate and continued discussion by one side of the issue, and I think that's what we heard yesterday, was those that are in favor of increasing the minimum wage are...have a well-conceived plan, and I commend them for that. I don't happen to subscribe to their concept of what's good for Nebraska. The bill, obviously, has unintended consequences. We've heard time and again that it will increase cost of goods and services. It will result in elimination of jobs, low-end jobs, and eliminate in any...in any additional revenue for those kinds of people. You know, the average person that pays attention to what's going on through the media, they have heard, since we've started, that we have a budget crisis, and I have urged everyone that has contacted me and spoken very clearly, this is a crisis, but, to date, these people hear more spending. They hear from this body that, you know, we're going to have to raise taxes. They hear from this body that we're going to have to raise the minimum wage. They hear from this body we're going to have to raise fees, and they never hear us talk about, yet, talk about stopping the spending, stopping the mandates against citizens like the minimum wage that have intended and unintended consequences. I'm going to vote in favor of this bracket motion. I will continue to vote in favor of reduced spending and reduced costs to Nebraskans. I would yield back the remainder of my time, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM PRESIDING

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