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going to have to increase his sales for one full-time employee by \$10,000. Now that's not easy to do, especially when you're in a market that doesn't have a lot of population base. So I understand that he's not just talking about his store or his business. He represents businesses all across the state. At the same time, when I looked at the proposal that we had before us and recognized the cost involved in the original green copy of the bill and feeling that that was certainly not sustainable, I also thought that we could come to some agreement in looking back over the time frame from 1997, when we last addressed the minimum wage in Nebraska. And if you look at a 30-cent increase over that time frame, we're talking a very, very minimal percentage increase. I don't think that we have seen anyone in Nebraska, generally, who has not seen some kind of raise during that time frame of 1 to 2 percent per year, so I don't think that we're without the realm of economic reality at \$5.45. The time frame for the second piece, I didn't mess in the amendment with the time frame there. Actually, it's only six months because of the way the bill was constructed. We might want to look at adjusting that and giving it a later date, and actually I think January 1 is a better date to initiate an increase than an April 1 deadline. There's another piece in the bill, the original bill, where there is no change actually suggested, but it's talking about student learners. And Senator Beutler had said that, well, this doesn't affect those teenagers that are in high school. Well, in fact, the way the legislation currently exists, it is a very, very small number of high school students who can come under this, because it is a laborious prospect. It doesn't even exist in most rural areas, because it has to be a bona fide vocational program. But I have had some discussion with Senator Beutler, and I'd like him to confirm it with a few minutes of my time, if he would, but I believe that he's willing to amend that part of the bill or the legislation that exists so that this could apply to all high school students. That means that out of that large number of people in the state of Nebraska that are making minimum wage, a large number of them are high school students and we could take them out of this piece. Senator Beutler, could you respond, please?

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Beutler, would you yield, please?