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SPEAKER BROMM: ...piecemealed out, then that would not be the case. But if they sell the business and I acquire the business, I take the benefits as well as the obligations of the business.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. And that answers what I had. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Beutler on the Bromm amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, I feel terribly, terribly disappointed with the way this has gone. And I guess as long as we're all talking about general conceptual things and the totality of the picture here, I'd just as well give my totality picture, so you know where I'm coming from on these various amendments. If we adopt the Bromm amendment and do nothing else, this bill is not about LB 775 anymore. There is absolutely nothing in it that has anything to do with LB 775, if you adopt the Bromm amendment. When we began this year, the public was clamoring that we do something about LB 775. LB 608 was filed, and we all thought we were going to do our very best on LB 775. And we worked, what, three or four different days, for many hours, struggling to make some better world out of this whole LB 775 system. And it was a struggle. But this compromise, quote-unquote, that has come forth now, what is it exactly that the proponents of LB 775, that the lobby of LB 775 has given up? They haven't given up anything. From my perspective, they haven't given up anything at all. And I don't know how you can call that a compromise. Well, you can say there are some precedents put into this version of LB 270, LB 270 restructured, if that's what this is. But I don't think those precedents have any value vis a vis the Omaha Chamber of Commerce. I think Senator Matzke had a rural development program earlier that had wages in it, for example, minimum wages. But that precedent is apparently doing us no good this time around on LB 775. It is the wages that are the most important item, and I would think the minimum item that ought to come out of this with regard to LB 775. If the LB 775 level of wages, that is in the bill currently, will be transferred into the Bromm amendment, if that minimum wage is good enough for