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Adam told the doctor, you are my creator, but I am your master. He could ruin that doctor, control his life. LB 775 was created by the Legislature, but it has become the Legislature's master. And I think it is regrettable when we allow any entity, individual, or group of individuals outside the Legislature to be so presumptuous as to dictate to us as to what we can and cannot do, what we ought to consider, what we dare not consider. This gives us an opportunity to adopt an amendment which not only reaffirms the independence of the Legislature, but accomplishes a worthwhile goal. It's not as though this is something that popped up this afternoon for the first time. I would like to ask Senator Beutler a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, would you respond to a question?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Beutler, how did we arrive at the figure of eight dollars and...is it 60, or 70 cents for the urban workers? Do you remember?

SENATOR BEUTLER: It's \$8.70, Senator. And the Revenue Committee resolved upon that figure. It approaches, at least, what would be a living wage, as calculated for people living in urban areas of Nebraska.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And when was there extensive debate of this very issue? And I don't mean the date. But at that stage of our proceedings was there a debate on this particular issue?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I believe on General File.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And that was not a great number of days ago, was it?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, it was quite a few days ago, as time goes in this legislative session.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But it was not 90.