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this then?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Well, when you put one wage, one wage out there, you might have somebody sweeping the floor compared to somebody on the highest end, and maybe the person sweeping the floor may not get that kind of a wage depending... they might be a high school kid. You know, you just can't put a minimum wage like that for all jobs. That would be my impression. I believe most of these companies in my area, they're good companies to work for. You referenced the Appleseed Center. I've seen the report put out by the Appleseed Center. You know, I've heard them say that the best way to grow the economy is to grow government, pay more taxes, have more programs, get more grants, and that's a philosophical difference. I just philosophically don't believe that, and I guess we're never going to get together on that, but...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Are you going to vote against this Bromm amendment, Senator?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Well, I don't know. I don't like the minimum wage in any portion.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Are you going to move to take it out?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: I don't know at this time what I'm going to do. Senator Chambers is looking at me funny here. I really don't know. I don't like it. I don't like a minimum wage anywhere. But I would tell you that I honestly feel the best way to help employees and help people make more money is to have government get off their back, get off the regulation. Let business make money; they're going to pay more money. They're going to get more benefits. Now I'm going to tell you that isn't every business. Some businesses are bad actors, there's no doubt about that, but most businesses, in my mind, are going to pay more when they do better. You can respond to that.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, why then, during the 1990s, when business was doing better than it ever done in the history of the nation, did the poor people get poorer?