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two votes.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Okay. Well, you can use the rest of my time if you like. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, do you wish to use Senator Cunningham's time?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Sure. Even though I recognize that I'm not going to convince Senator Cunningham, at least today, I want to get into the idea of what a self-sufficiency standard is and how that's been developed for the state of Nebraska, that is at least in its most sophisticated form, and that form is the form of the Appleseed Center study that was done pursuant to a grant from the Ford Foundation.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You're now on your time, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. And what it attempts to do is to measure how much money, how much income is needed for a family of a given composition, and it's sophisticated in the sense that it looks at different kinds of families: a single person; a person with one child; a person with two children; a couple of parents with a couple of children, for example. And it tries to look at how much income is needed for a family of a given composition in a given place, and I think we all recognize that, depending on where we are in the country and where we are in the state, there will be differences in the cost of living. Mainly in Nebraska I think the cost of living is different based upon the cost of housing, to a large extent, that being part of the basis for the lower cost of living in the rural areas. So the Appleseed Center actually comes down with figures in all of the 93 counties of the state and then it finishes out the goal or the mission--what is needed for a family of a given composition in a given place to adequately meet its basic needs without public or private assistance? And that's a very important part of the analysis or the way the Appleseed Center looks at it, because in their view, as I hope in the view of most of us, assuming society can afford to do it with proper differentials between the various wage levels and an adequate overall income or generated income by society as a whole, the idea would be to