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job, that you're creating a great deal of pressure on family values. And so to the extent that one is concerned about family values, I would think one would be concerned about the minimum wage and the wages of single parents, because I think you can see quite clearly in our society, with the crime problems and the juvenile problems and the general problems relating to family values that we have, that we are, in fact, creating those situations that tend to create dysfunctional...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...families and dysfunctional people in society.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, there are no further lights on You're recognized to close on AM2058.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I'm sorry. Did you say I'm closing?

SENATOR CUDABACK: You are.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. I wish that people would indicate whether they're willing to consider a wage a little bit lower or somewhat lower or some wage for urban workers. You know, I really don't understand very well how you can cheer for this compromise and say, yeah, that minimum wage, I believe in that for LB 270; let's put it right on there and do nothing about it. Seems to me if you were going to be consistent with your principles and you don't believe in a minimum wage, we ought to see an amendment up there striking the minimum wage from the bill. But I wouldn't want to see that. I think it's the right thing to do. In fact, I had an amendment. I actually proposed a bill that applied only to the rural areas. It applied to counties where the poverty levels were particularly high, didn't have anything to do with my district, but it was a state aid program and the suggestion was that state aid be related to minimum wages so that those who were...the aid would go to counties and to cities and to...could go to other political subdivisions, and it would help supplement wages for workers who in those areas were making very low wages and it particularly focused on the category of second income for family farms. I