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irrelevance, but my guess is at least some of our rural colleagues would be concerned on that score. Secondly, the existing package says this: If you create a job, no matter how much the salary, you get a 5 percent job credit. If you create a minimum wage job today, you get a 5 percent job credit. So, number one, it sets a minimum below which it can't go, and which, by the way, is an amount that is \$18,000-plus in a year.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The current...

SENATOR LANDIS: And for those numbers,

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...the current law, though...

SENATOR LANDIS: ...it's reduced from 5 to 3 percent. It's a sliding scale of justice, if you will, as to what is reasonable, but those moving parts are significant advantages over where we are today, I believe.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. So the current law is, you get your 5 percent and you don't even have to meet the average Nebraska wage?

SENATOR LANDIS: You don't have to meet 60 percent of the average wage.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR LANDIS: There is no job quality standard in LB 775, and if you create a 40-hour, full-time equivalent job, you get a 5 percent job credit.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Well,...

SENATOR LANDIS: When you...if that's your benchmark,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...I think we've made strides. If your average state wage...then I think you'd say, well, you know, but we're...we are giving credits for things before an average wage,