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myself and for no one else. Everyone is a free actor here. Make any changes that 25 people in this body want to make. But I'm going to oppose the amendments to the bill, other than the technical amendment to be offered by Senator Connealy.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. On with discussion of the Beutler amendment. Senator Kruse, followed by Senator Connealy.

SENATOR KRUSE: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I support the Beutler amendment. I felt it was sad that we would go to the lowest wage support, based on a possible distress in some place. Distressed areas ought not to be setting the wage. And he's come around that in a good way. I strongly support a stronger lower wage on any of these bills, since that's what we need. Whether we are urban or rural really doesn't matter. We need good wages. And the lower wages are going to cost us as a state, especially when families that come into that newly established business have to apply to us for Medicaid. So I support the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kruse. Senator Connealy.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I pushed my light on before Senator Landis talked. And I pretty well agree with everything that Senator Landis says. I think there is a positive in what we've done already. I think that the...putting a wage standard in, whether it's 60 percent or someplace different, allows us to look at this going forward. And I would hope that Legislatures in the future would say, you know, is this enough? Is the quality of job that we're getting from this level, up, high enough to justify the work that we've done? That's what's different about the discussion we're having today, compared to incentive packages in the past. You know, I see this more as a living exercise, compared to what we've done in the past, where we've put something in place, we never touched it ever again. With reporting, with labor standards, with the, you know, a termination of part of this going forward, we're going to be able to look at this and see what we believe we're getting for the dollars spent, which we really haven't had in the past. And because of that, I'm willing to accept the