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Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Smith, followed by Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. As I'm going over the details and the handouts of LB 554, I'm trying to figure out who would actually benefit from this, and I'm trying to sift through the exemptions and...exemptions for certain seasonal employers. So if Senator Beutler would yield to some questions?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, would you yield?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I would, Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Beutler, in your handout you stipulate that the state minimum wage would cover employers who employ four or more employers except for certain seasonal employers. What would be an example of that?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, that's language out of current law, so I'm not making any change there, but...

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, so it would carry over to the same persons?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Pardon me?

SENATOR SMITH: The exemptions...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yeah, I'm not changing...

SENATOR SMITH: Right.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...anything with regard to who's affected by the law. I mean, a seasonal employee, I suppose, migrant workers, for example, would be...they're doubly exempted. They're agricultural and they're seasonal. You know, right off hand I can't think of another category of seasonal workers, but I'm sure there are many.