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increase will do. I...you know, I've talked to a lot of different people. I just don't see that there's adults out there making minimum wage, and if there are, there aren't that many of them. It appears to me that people that want to work and they want to move up, can very quickly go past the minimum wage. I was listening to Senator Beutler and Senator Smith's exchange, and they talked about, of those 16,000, a vast majority of them were in fast food. Would that be correct, Senator Beutler?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Not a majority of them are in fast food, but I was breaking down segments, and within that segment, and within that segment. But Senator, the Department of Labor statistics indicate that half the people on minimum wage are over 25, so a large percentage of them are going to be above high school, and a lot of them over 25 are people, you know, they...they're not mental giants, and some of them have physical problems, and there are always going to be some people at the bottom, you know, not people who are capable of working themselves up. They're just going to be there, and they deserve to live at a decent level, too.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Well, Senator Beutler, I can understand your thoughts there,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: ...but how do you justify, then, when I talked about what my store would have been, the \$15,000 a year increase in payroll? Where does that come from? I can tell you in my store that would have to be a 1.5 percent increase in profits in order to pay for that, that's the size of that store, 1.5 percent increase, which meant the goods would have to sell for that much more. Do you...I mean, how would you justify that?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, I do have a response. I mean, there is an increased cost. There is no doubt about that. But in the main, I think the problem that your little stores have, Senator,