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this B.S. about everybody is making more than minimum wage and what Senator Beutler is talking about. Well, somebody must be going to make what Senator Beutler talks about, or these minions and flunkies for businesses wouldn't be fighting so hard against it. If everybody is already making more than that, then what we're asking for is not going to change anything because everybody is making more than that. But they know that there is a category of cheap labor that they want. And I mentioned the young girls because you all want to make these young girls have babies, and the real world would give you some information about what they face in this real world after you all want to make them have these babies. But let's get away from the young girls, who are not welcome in schools, not even in Catholic schools. They are humiliated, they're embarrassed, they're not allowed to graduate with their class. So you talk to these Catholics and these other religious schools who make it a shame for these girls. You all need to stop being so judgmental and actually do something to help them. But you're going yackety-yak, but in the real world you're not going to do anything. And whenever we can do a little bit of something, you're going to back away from it and say, well, that's somebody else's responsibility; if there's not a program like that, there should be. Well, I think everybody ought to be able to eat; nobody should be hungry. But they are hungry. They don't eat. Nobody should be cheated in school out of an education, but they are cheated. And I have to deal with what I see. I can't go out to west Omaha and plop myself down in the nice comfort of my west Omaha home and pretend that what's happening in the world is not happening and it doesn't affect me, because when I look out at my neighbors, all their kids are well taken care of. The parents have plenty of money. They don't even have to work. They can take time and come down here in the Legislature for \$12,000 a year, so they got it well. They got it good also, so they don't worry. Not only do I see it. These people come to my door in this building. And they're not all of my complexion; the majority of them are of your complexion. I wish they'd stop coming to me and go to you all, but some of you all don't even make them welcome in your office. They're not dressed right. Their face is not shaved right, may not be shaved at all. They may have an odor. Well, some people running around here have odors. I want to let you all know that, if you don't. And you