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SENATOR AGUILAR: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise in support of the Beutler bill. While out in the lobby today, I was asked why a good conservative Republican like myself would support such an issue. The answer is obvious--because it's the right thing to do. It really is the right thing to do, folks. Many questions have been asked here today, some of which I found quite interesting. Who are these people that make minimum wage? And you already heard one of the answers, the young teenagers that are taking jobs. But there's another obvious group of people, and that's the seniors, the retired seniors that need to supplement their income, that just can't make it on Social Security or whatever benefits they're receiving from the government. They need something extra. They have to help out other family members or whatever, so they need that job. And they're some of the people who's being impacted and paying minimum wage. But there's another specific group that I want to get to today and we talked about it very briefly. Senator Smith brought it up and asked the question, you know, why...I don't think he asked it quite this way, but he asked the question about seasonal workers being exempt. How many people even know what seasonal workers are in here? Quite obviously, that was put together in the law a long time ago. Seasonal workers, if we want to get specific, are migrant workers, the immigrants that come to this country and work the fields, work the sugar beet fields, like many of my brothers did years and years ago, many of my uncles, my father, and my grandfather. They worked in the sugar beet fields, sunup to sundown, stooped over in that sun for most part of the day. So why is it right...why is it fair that that portion of the population is exempted and you can pay them half as much as you pay everybody else? What's wrong with that picture? Does anybody see that? Does anybody understand any part of that whatsoever? Let me tell you why it's done. It's done because people can get away with doing it. That's part of our laws that we should be ashamed of, that we would take advantage of a population like that, work them like that because we can. Yield the rest of my time to Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, about 2, 30.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Aguilar. Thank you,