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SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Smith. We are now debating FA685, which is an amendment to the Redfield amendment. Senator Preister, Senator Preister, you're recognized to speak, followed by Senators Smith, Redfield, and Howard.

SENATOR PREISTER: Mr. President, I would respectfully call the question.

SENATOR BAKER: I would have to deny that debate...he just opened on the amendment to the Redfield amendment, Senator Preister, so there's been no speakers on it as of yet. Senator Smith, then, you would be recognized.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Would Senator Beutler yield to some questions?

SENATOR BAKER: Senator Beutler, are you available?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Beutler, I know the bill has been amended on...the last time we debated it. Now it's still in the bill that the inflation...or the Department of Labor would adjust the minimum wage according to inflation. Is that accurate?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Smith, you know our dialogue is really meaningless, because as you know, at 4:00 o'clock this bill comes off the agenda. You're putting an amendment to an amendment on it. I'd be glad to talk to you on Select File on these amendments, but obviously, with an amendment to the amendment, the process is taking on a filibuster nature, and if you want to be responsible for the people of the state getting no minimum wage increase, that's fine with me.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Senator Beutler. I'm assuming that the indexing is still in the bill.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The indexing is not in the bill, Senator Smith. It hasn't been for a long time.