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Beutler, if he should want it. I know he hadn't finished his comments earlier.

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Howard. Senator Beutler. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Howard, thank you very much for your support and for the time. You know, we just assisted Senator Jensen in advancing a Medicaid bill that basically anticipates a series of very serious cutbacks in federal funding of a whole variety of Medicaid programs. These programs will very much affect the working poor. It will change what's available to them. Inflation continues to eat away at the low-income working poor wages. The minimum wage buys less and less each year, and yet there are still people on the minimum wage, because we don't increase it. They're trapped there. It's a trap of the economic system. There's always going to be somebody on the bottom. Sometimes there are aging people working to try to stay in their houses. Sometimes they're middle-aged people who just don't have a lot of natural gifts, but I don't think that means they should live in utter poverty. And sometimes they're kids, and even the kids have their own problems these days, because to get an education you have to put yourself almost up to your ears in debt. So what is it...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...that you intend to do, just drive, let this go down and down and down until we're a third world country with a whole bunch of poor people on one end, and people that are doing all right on the other end? What's your solution? Not cut back Medicaid? Increase government programs, so government takes care of the lower working class? I hear these same people complaining about minimum wage complaining about the size of government programs. Well, if you don't like the government programs, let's construct an economic system that's fair to everybody. We interfere with the economic system in a thousand different ways for the benefit of employers, to create fair playing fields, to keep people like...