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Senator Redfield yield to a question?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Redfield, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Redfield, you mentioned that 75 percent of the people of Nebraska want this bill. Is that accurate?

SENATOR REDFIELD: No, I said in my district when I surveyed.

SENATOR SMITH: Oh, when you surveyed your district. And how was that question phrased, do you recall?

SENATOR REDFIELD: Oh, I don't recall exactly. It was basically, do you support an increase in the minimum wage, state minimum wage?

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, and right now, because the state minimum wage follows the federal minimum wage, that is what would be different; is that...

SENATOR REDFIELD: Right.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, thank you, Senator Redfield. And again, a question as simple as that is not getting, with all due respect, Senator Redfield, is not really examining the issue, the effects long term and otherwise, and the unintended consequences that are out there. They're very real. And I'm afraid that, even with my amendment, the consequences are going to be negative upon those who should stand to suffer the most, and that's why I think we need to be very careful in this. And I'm not a fan of LB 554 for those reasons. And, Mr. President, I would withdraw my amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn, and I do raise the call.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR PRESIDING

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a priority motion. Senator