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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Erdman, would you yield?

SENATOR ERDMAN: I would, Mr. President.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Is the employment of an illegal alien against the federal law?

SENATOR ERDMAN: Senator Beutler, it's my understanding that is a felony act.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And does the federal government enforce that law?

SENATOR ERDMAN: It is my understanding that that law is not enforced as strictly as it could be.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So, we take the benefit of their labor and we ignore the situation. We ignore the fact that they are illegal; is that correct?

SENATOR ERDMAN: That could be one interpretation, Senator.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And are these adults innocent?

SENATOR ERDMAN: I'm sorry?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Pardon me?

SENATOR ERDMAN: Could you repeat your question? I'm sorry.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Are these adults, are these illegal alien adults innocent?

SENATOR ERDMAN: Innocent of the act of being employed or...?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Innocent of the act of violating our law.

SENATOR ERDMAN: It would be my understanding that the act that I am most familiar with makes the employer specifically responsible, and I have not read further in the act to know