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to even go home and be a baby sitter for much less than a dollar and a dollar and quarter an hour, and all she does is sit around, and that's all she is there for. When I go home for example, and my people run my business, we never know who is going to be there the next morning, by who was there last night. We don't have the remotest idea, and then we are confronted with the employees stealing and I see, use the word (inaudible) in that sense and when the customer gets through stealing you don't know how much they both stole, and I'm not saying that a minimum wage would make it any different probably but at least it'll limit the excuse to steal. Now what I got up to say my friends I want this amendment to be divided into one, two, three and four, let's adopt or reject as we go, and I can understand how people for example, who want to, because they are able to, to impose upon people who they can hire, we got people in the city of Scotts Bluff for example, who hire, I don't know where they find them, I can't find them for \$1.60, who make the beds and are the waiters and the cooks and the dishwashers, and that's about the prevailing wage today about \$1.00 an hour in that, and these people are human people, just like you and I are, they got to live, and they have taxes and they have income, they have social security even though it's small it means just as much to them as the man making \$25,000.00 a year. When you take the deducts out they say, what do I want to work for, what's the reason, I might as well lay around home for example, and be on welfare, they're entitled to welfare, and they get it, so I ask Mr. President we divide the question in the area of the committee amendments and consider them one by one.

SPEAKER: Yes, the Chair will order that, that they be divid--
Senator Marsh before we go on here are there four amendments,
specific amendments or what?

CLERK: There are four paragraphs to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER: Four paragraphs to the committee amendments, Mr.
Clerk does it seem reasonable that we can take those paragraph
by paragraph.

CLERK: Yes. The first paragraph would read as follows: (read).

SPEAKER: Well if we are going to go that way then so we won't
get into a mass of confusion, is there any objection, any
objection, at all to doing it this way, Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President and members of the body, I object
to doing it this way and on this basis. Is that Senator
Carpenter's example is that under the Federal law that he is
being discriminated against from competitors that are under the
state law. Now the committee has gone to great lengths to see
that these are lined up, so that this body through it's policy
making is allowing the employers in Nebraska to compete evenly
for the employees available. There is nothing in the minimum
wage law, one way or the other that has a thing to do with what
you can hire people for. There is a labor in this society of
ours is a free commodity that is on the market for sale and
believe you me we all sell ourselves and we all get what we can
and that's what it's about, but we want to write rules and
regulations that does not divide the employees, the customers,
and employer, and when we take these one by one, and when we
don't line them up, this is an injustice that we really should
not do, but now if we do do it and we take them into four parts,
then just vote all four parts of them in, and then we are in the
position where we should be, it is very similar to the equal
employment opportunity thing the other day on what the rules and