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in my delivery as possible, so if I talk a little slower than I ordinarily do it's because I don't want to be misunderstood and I hope that I speak at a rate that everybody can follow me. Senator Maresh your naivete in areas of labor astonishes me. If there is a man with all these theaters and bowling alleys that you talk about and he says that he is working children he is making his living off their sweat and their blood, so to speak, and to give these children 20¢ more or 40¢ more an hour, is going to bust him or make him go to mechanized equipment, then he ought not to be in business now anyway, and if he is operating on that thin of a shoestring, I don't see how he can have several theaters and bowling alleys anyway. So it is a situation again of Scrooge working Bob Cratchet and killing Tiny Tim at home because adequate wages are not provided for the necessities of life, and as I stated to you before, we are not trying as a legislature to underwrite slave labor, we are trying to reach a level where a decent wage is paid for work. So in this amendment we are talking about students who often are trying to pay their own way through school. That means, like when I was a student I was in eighth grade and I was working on construction, you may find that hard to believe, but there are a lot of people who are in situations that you'd find hard to believe, but because you haven't been in it yourself don't think that it does not occur, and as Carpenter, Senator Carpenter and others have pointed out, if I could work and make only a \$1.00 an hour, I'm going to bust my back for eight hours a day and get \$8.00, get less than that after they take out what they are going to take, why should I work. It's insulting to me, it's disgraceful for the state to have such a low rate of pay. Students are the ones who should be encouraged to work, by being entitled to a decent wage for the amount of work given. That's why I would ask you to defeat this particular aspect of the amendment. The students ought not be exempted, they are working, not receiving a hand out and I keep hearing when we talk about welfare bills, about work fair, the work ethic and all of these things. But it seems very hypocritical when we come around to the situation of providing a decent salary or wage for the work that nothing is to be extended. Remember this money is not coming out of the state's pocket, it's coming out of the profits of the individual who is making his profits through the labor of an individual who has nothing to sell but labor, and in a situation as unequal as that, between an unemployed labor and an employer, then the state has to intervene and give some degree of protection to the one who must work. I would ask you to defeat this amendment.

SPEAKER: Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President and members of the body, I'd like to point out that this dollar an hour wage was adopted in 1967, and that the amount of compounded increase of 6% a year and, I got to believe inflation has gone up more than that, we would be at over a \$1.40 which is what Senator Chambers is asking for in this bill. Secondly we are going to go to the people, about a year from now or at least those of you who want to return and ask the people to double your wages, \$1,000.00 a year where it is now \$4,800.00, and I think if we are going to be realistic and fair, and ask others to be realistic and fair to us we ought to sure as hell try to be realistic and fair with them.

SPEAKER: Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Mr. President and members of the body, I'll speak again specifically to this amendment because I think this is one of the most invidious in the bill. Those bases upon which I think the committee decided to exempt students from minimum wage coverage was the basic philosophy of the members of the majority of the members of the labor committee as a