

and various departments asking when the bill went into effect and there were merchants in complete confusion as to whether they should be paying one amount or another amount and merchants who simply refused to hire young people and ultimately, I can give you names of various merchants who laid off or cut the number of employees that they had in a particular business so they got outside the law. It hurt and there is no doubt about it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Simpson.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President, members of the legislature I would support the move to indefinitely postpone this bill. I think that we can talk about all of the benevolence that we want too. No employer is going to hire anybody that he doesn't need just because he can get them cheap but when he does have to hire them it will be as cheap as he can. When we make young labor available to him at a price way below the market, and I think that we are doing the young people a dis-service to ask them to work this kind of wages. I think that we should at least keep them up to the Nebraska minimum wage and that sure ain't talking about much.

PRESIDENT: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: I move the previous question.

(End Belt #7A)

(Start Belt #8A)

PRESIDENT: Previous question has been moved, does the Chair see five hands? Ok, thank you. The question is shall the debate now cease. All those in favor of closing debate will vote aye, those opposed vote no. Senator Johnson moved. Thank you. Clerk will record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 1 nay.

PRESIDENT: The debate will now close. Senator Chambers is now closing on his motion to indefinitely postpone 665. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, I think the fact that this bill has come before the legislature to cut wages is or should be the strongest argument to show that these young people are still employed. These people who employ them want to keep working them but pay them less money. You don't have an attempt to cut the wages of non-employees. As for idleness being the devils workshop, I've tried to correct Senator Nore on that statement and a..idle mind is the devils workshop. I wonder if Senator Nore would ever consider that idle land might be the devils workshop. Now at least these children are working for what they receive but it is a matter of public record that Senator Nore at least last year got over \$20,000 for leaving land idle and not working. This reminds me of a situation in the western part of the country where some people were opposed, especially John Wayne to some individuals receiving some welfare or unemployment assistance. You know that John Wayne has a lot of land that