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YouTube Title: "The Unemployment Song" http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r73Qz3eXe8c

Video Length: 2:01 minutes

Chapter 30: The Labor Market, p. 662 **Topic:** Market Equilibrium, p. 675

Key Terms: Labor market, unemployment, minimum-wage, wage floor **Learning Objective 1:** What factors shape labor supply and demand.

Summary

Students from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks wrote and dynamically performed this humorous song on minimum wage as part of an Economics class presentation.

Economic Application

The song depicts the demand-side effects of minimum-wage legislation on low-skilled, inexperienced workers.

Multiple-Choice Question

Which of the following is NOT an effect of government-imposed wage floors?

- a) Workers receive more fringe benefits and on-the-job training.
- b) The quantity of labor demanded is reduced.
- c) The quantity supplied of labor is increased.
- d) A market surplus of labor is created.

Discussion Question

When the minimum wage is raised, who are the winners and who are the losers?