

projects. I consider this a revenue neutral bill from the information that I have read, provided to me by the Department of Revenue as well as by the committee, Senator Johnson. I view this as an entire package. I will view, I guess, any amendments as detouring away from that package. But I think the Legislature has to do what it can to provide...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR ABBOUD: ...the leadership to have these corporate headquarters stay in the state. Now, ConAgra has come out and said, if you don't provide these types of incentives, we are going to leave the state, and if you do, then we are going to add additional jobs, 450, approximately, new jobs, as well as the jobs that are currently in this state. I consider that a pretty fair deal and I think that the Legislature should be cognizant of that fact, advance this package as a whole, not go off on those particular amendments because you have to view it as a situation that this is a golden goose that is providing revenue for the State of Nebraska. Philosophically, you may have some problems of corporations encouraging this body to do actions that you may not agree with, but you have to be realistic. If we don't have these businesses in the state, we are not going to have the money to renovate Morrill Hall. We're not going to have the money to renovate Pershing...the new gymnasium out at Kearney State College.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR ABBOUD: Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. I would like to take a moment to recognize a guest of Senator "Cap" Dierks under the north balcony. We have Dr. Kevin Homewood and his wife, Deb. Dr. Homewood is the veterinarian practicing with Senator Dierks in the O'Neill area. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you. We are glad to have you visiting. Anything to read in, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, amendments to be printed from Senator Hall to 773; Senator Conway to 335; Senator Wesely to 146. (See pages 1797-1800 of the Legislative Journal.)

Enrollment and Review reports 773 correctly engrossed.

Senator Vard Johnson would like to add his name to 421 as