

very exercised because this very high-paid executive whose bill this is is being discussed as the subject of the bill. It always amuses me when I see individuals who are down here among the Lilliputians speaking so forcefully in favor of Gulliver. Gulliver doesn't need Ashford to support him or defend him because Harper runs this Legislature and he knows it. This is Harper's bill. Even the business community referred to it initially as the ConAgra bill, and Harper is the one who has been on television making the statements. He was on ETV, dragged them up there to his office in Omaha or he wouldn't even talk to them. Then looked at the camera and said, hurry it up, boys. That is Mike Harper, and here is Brad Ashford, down here all upset and angry because somebody is talking about this man who might make more money in a year than Brad Ashford will make honestly in ten years. Now I would like to ask Senator Vard Johnson a question on this \$10 million, 100 new jobs issue. Senator Johnson, if ConAgra makes the expansion or brings in the whatever the part of their business they were going to bring into Omaha, how many new people would have been involved in that, do you know? Or somebody else, if you are tied up, whoever can answer that.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Vard.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Well, I think from what I have read in the newspaper that ConAgra currently has about 600 employees in Omaha, and if ConAgra were to expand, it is talking about putting in a research park and it indicates that by the time the expansion is completed they would have 1,500 employees in Omaha, so it would be about a 900 employee growth.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, is there anything in the bill that indicates that these new employees will be Nebraskans or that they need to be Nebraskans?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: No, there really is nothing in the bill about that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you oppose an amendment indicating that...

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, then the bill is not really aimed at unemployment in Nebraska, but giving the break to the corporation, that is the main point.