

make them pay taxes for the next six years, never mind our constituents paying till the day they die. And you thought you were right then and I thought we were right then. I thought it was better than three years. But just now 25 people voted put it back to three years. Why? Because Senator Ashford said he made a mistake, himself, when he voted for Haberman's six-year amendment. So what we have just done is said we cave in, because the insurance companies got what they call the retaliatory tax put in years ago for this very purpose to protect themselves. Now, because they threaten, and, yes, I was told that the reason for this bill is so these insurance companies don't move out of Nebraska, so if we don't let them have a free ride after three years, they're going to move. There is no such thing as a free ride or a free lunch. If we advance this bill, we're just raising the tax on somebody else, our constituents, another industry, another business, whatever. But I will never understand why we would have voted to put it back to three years when we had a full debate on the six years and just a few minutes ago we had to have a call of the house to get enough people in here to vote on this amendment. It isn't fair to the people. It is encouraging other businesses to do the same thing. We started with 775, we're encouraging other businesses to come down here and say, you give us a free ride or we'll leave and all the people in Nebraska will be broke or out of work. I can't imagine it. Didn't 775 teach us anything? It taught the insurance companies. It taught them that this Legislature will cave in, that we will say, oh, my gosh, no, we don't want to lose those jobs. They don't tell you how many jobs. They don't guarantee you anything. They don't guarantee how many jobs or how much income, all they do is threaten and look how good their threat was. They acquiesced to paying taxes for six years. God bless them, they agreed to pay some taxes. And then when they realized, gee, we don't want to pay for six years if we can get by with three, they bought the threat in the first place, let's go tell Brad Ashford to put that back to three years, just talk a little bit more about how much money we're going to lose and how many jobs we're going to lose. So here he goes again. I'm glad I won't be here next year when the next industry comes down here and says, we're going to move if you don't give us a free ride and make your constituents pay our taxes. I know I'm eating up time and I know everybody wants to get out of here as much as I do, but I don't want anybody to be able to say, I didn't understand and there was no debate, the bill just ran across the board. So, for three years, these big insurance companies are going to give us up to...