

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR HEFNER: ...and, hopefully, we can get ConAgra to keep those jobs in the Grand Island area.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Pirsch, please.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. President. I, too, have a great concern with the proposal that...or the rumor, I guess, we should say that the Country General would go to Nashville, Tennessee. And when I read that resolution and heard from those people who were trying to generate some enthusiasm and some pressure on ConAgra, I realized that...or, well, I called, actually, and heard that this is very tentative, that there are negotiations. But I think particularly in Omaha we recall the Enron merger which was very difficult and where Omaha lost a lot of jobs and we want to encourage ConAgra and I was prepared to vote for this amendment...or to vote for this resolution without amendment but, as I reflect and as we reflect this morning, I think we can see that Senator Warner's amendment does indeed make it more general, does indeed make it on a larger scale and does also announce that we, in the State Legislature, have done those things which has allowed Nebraska to expand and to grow with new jobs. And so, yes, maybe we should focus on that larger picture and on that larger good that we can accomplish by the things that we have done in this body. So, with that, I am prepared to support Senator Warner's amendment and send the message loud and clear of our support for business and then support the legislative resolution. And I thank Senator Wesely for his bringing it to our attention because I think in bringing it to our attention we can also focus on other companies, other businesses and do let them get the message that we want to keep them in Nebraska and that we want to continue the economic development in progress that we started in 775 and the other initiatives that we have done. So I support the amendment and indeed support the resolution.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Nelson, followed by Senator Wesely.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I suppose that I am probably more involved in this than probably the other senators, in fact, actually I just handed...got handed to me the Grand Island paper, so for once I did get some coverage, I will