

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, I would say that would be true.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So we're giving them a leg up on the competition by using this bill and not allowing the dynamics of business or the marketplace to prevail. Isn't that true? We're intruding, as a Legislature, into the area of free enterprise or competition, aren't we?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, to some degree because... this bill is designed different than others in the fact that you have... it's performance based. And so it is open to the world in the terms that they... if they provide then we will reward, which is different than an incentive to do, I mean, it is an incentive but we insist on performance before they will be rewarded.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But, Senator Wehrbein, this is the Legislature intruding into the marketplace, into the realm of competition, whatever term we want to use to describe one person trying to make a profit competing against another in the same area.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: It is true but it's still open to the world at this point.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But we are aiding the world of business, aren't we, by what we're doing?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, in terms of providing jobs, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And the feeling of those who support this bill is that the dynamics of business allowed to operate on their own would not sufficiently benefit these plants. Isn't that true?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: They may not come to... well, they may not come to Nebraska. The chances are they would go somewhere else but this was an incentive for them to come to Nebraska.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So,...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: So we are making a special consideration for a Nebraska company.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So we are though intruding into the realm of