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amendment. I think it improves the...the original bill, if nothing else by removing a couple of the definitions that I objected to earlier on, and I urge that everyone vote for it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Senator Bruning.

**SENATOR BRUNING:** Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this has just been killing me to sit out of this debate for this long, but I didn't want to aid in my friend, Senator Robak's, filibuster for the last few hours, so I have...a "filly buster", so I have sat out. But I got to tell you, I think this bill is a great idea and I think it was a great idea at \$200,000 a year for three years. I think it would be a great idea at \$500,000 a year for three years. There is a lot of need for this bill. I'm disappointed that we're backing off. I understand why we're backing off. I was one of those that, in law school, took Senator Landis...took his negotiation class. I understand how the world works and negotiation is especially necessary here in the legislative process to make anything move, but this is a good idea and, darn it, if it...it's a good idea now, it was a good idea with 100,000 more dollars. I'm not quite sure what that accomplishes other than allows opponents to have their pound of flesh. However, if it moves the bill forward then so be it. But let me tell you about my own experience and why I think this will work. In 1994, I graduated from law school; looking for something to do. I'm pretty certain I don't want to go work for a big law firm. I just...I can't see myself, you know, in grinding out hours till eight o'clock at night, starting real early, grinding out hours for 16 hours. It just doesn't excite me. I need a little more give and take in my day, a little more...something more interesting to do. I'm looking for something to do. I go to a business broker. I find a PVC pipe company. I'm not going to tell you where it's at because there's not that many of these in Nebraska, but I find this PVC pipe company. It's doing great. It's run by an old guy who started it, kind of built it up, and it's built to a point where he's comfortable, he's making a nice living, but he doesn't really want to grow it any more. I take a look at this thing. I go down there with CPAs. I go down there with lawyer friends of mine. We look at it. We're interested in buying the