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this bill is going to pass, I want this language to be included. If LB 342 passes, no harm is done by the inclusion of this amendment on this bill. If, on the other hand, LB 342 for any reason is not passed, this language still will accompany this bill and it will be clear that employees are not to be subjected to genetic testing or genetic screening. We didn't go into much debate on this amendment yesterday because time ran out. But if there is anybody who knows of a legitimate reason for employees to be subjected to genetic testing and genetic screening, I wish they would add that information to this debate. I want to have as complete a record as possible. If there is objection to this language I believe that objection should be more substantial than merely an assertion that there is another bill that might be dealing with genetic testing and genetic screening of employees. I don't know much else to say about this amendment, except that I want to emphasize this prohibition will not interfere in any way with what this bill is designed to do. The supporters of this bill, putting the best foot forward, will say that it consists of appropriate inducements to encourage businesses that exist in Nebraska to expand and to encourage businesses outside of Nebraska to come to Nebraska and expand. And the ultimate purpose is to provide better jobs for the residents of this state. That is what the propaganda line is. What I, who am more blunt, call this bill is a license to raid the state treasury; it is a shifting of taxing liability from large companies to other taxpayers. Granting the benefits under this bill to any company or companies will reduce the revenue of the state. When that revenue is reduced it has to be made up somehow by money found currently...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...in the possession of others than those corporations. This means that the taxes these big companies are not going to pay will have to be paid by somebody else. So it is a tax shift. I do not think that is good policy; I do not think it is necessary to do that to get Union Pacific here, because they're already here, the fish is in the boat. I hope, though, you will focus on this amendment that deals only with genetic testing and genetic screening. Thank you, Mr. President.