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SENATOR BROWN: ...to work at the plant and the richness that that has given to the city of Omaha in terms of adding to our cultural diversity. But also, the level of jobs was matched by the spin-off effect of the individual...the wives of the individuals who came to work, by the other jobs that are created as suppliers. The spin-off effect is huge, and when...if the numbers are accurate, that 40,000 jobs would not have existed absent the incentives that we did before, think of what the economic impact that we would have missed out on, and that we are currently at risk of, because of the more competitive environment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Brown. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, two items: A new study resolution, LR 109, offered by Senator Howard; that will be referred to the Executive Board. And Senator Howard has an amendment to LB 500 to be printed. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 1435-1436.)

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Stuthman, your light is next.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I just want to give you a little bit of history of what business incentives has meant to my district, District 22, Platte County and half of Colfax County, and what it really has done for the community of Columbus, in particular. I've checked into how many businesses did apply for incentives, and there's at least 12 businesses. They've invested \$273 million and created between 850 and 900 jobs. What does that mean to a community? That means a lot. Platte County is one of the communities, one of the counties that grew in the last census. What does it also mean for my area? Columbus Lakeview High School, the high school district, the rural district, because of that added valuation to our community, we receive no state aid to education to the school. Is that of value to the state? Yes, it is, a real value to the state, because they do not have to subsidize our students at our Lakeview High School, our Lakeview K-12 school. So that's a real value. Another thing