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I would strongly urge you would reject the Newell proposal for a sunset. He seems to have sunset on his mind these days. He is trying to sunset everything except the kitchen sink, I guess it is. However, I would suggest that if you are going to build a plant or if you're going to have...somebody is considering coming to Nebraska that can build a plant, and believe me we need some of them because we have got some people sitting on the benches in Omaha waiting for somebody to call them to work, and they are in Grand Island and they are in Kearney, and they are all over this state, because I happen to have a contract going in Grand Island, Nebraska, I might have one very shortly in Kearney, and there is people begging me to please hire them for the project, for Pete's sake. There is people all over this state looking for jobs, and yet we get this kind of a legislation as an incentive to get somebody to come into Nebraska and open a plant and somebody wants to sunset the bill. Well, it takes years to plan these things. You don't plan these things one day and build them the next. I happen to know several different plant expansions, one is specifically \$22 million plant expansion that is coming to Nebraska. It has been planned for two years. It will be two more years before it even gets started. You cannot do these things in one year or one week. Of course, I wouldn't expect somebody that never had anything to do with the development of a progressive piece of legislation to understand that sort of thing. But I do strongly urge this body, for Pete's sake don't sunset this bill. It's crazy enough as it is.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lamb, and then Senator Hefner.

SENATOR LAMB: Well, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I certainly oppose this motion to sunset this bill. As Senator Goodrich has said, this is not something you turn on and turn off from year to year. These plans are made far in advance and if these companies don't have the assurance that this will stay in effect at least long enough to get their plant built, they will certainly be hesitant about coming into the state. I don't think there is really any logic in sunseting it. If there are 25 votes in this body to change the tax structure, then that can be done without any specific sunseting in the bill. I oppose the motion.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, colleagues, I rise to