

this proposal to be more specific and more clear about what we are doing, what its fiscal impact will be, how it will be applied, the extent of the credits, to what extent they will in fact provide new jobs or encourage new jobs, etc.

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute left.

SENATOR NEWELL: Those are still questions that are unanswered. Those are questions that are greatly unanswered for me and I would think that the rest of the members of this body ought to have the same concerns.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, I have concerns any time we talk about giving tax credits any more. I think that we have about given tax credit to the limit and yet our economy seems to keep right on going down any how, so I doubt if tax credits have a great lot to do with it. But I certainly couldn't support a bill that would not tie the exact number of jobs that might be involved to the credit, because we can hire a few people for a few days, receive the credit and then let them go. I wonder what we are talking about. Do we mean that if we allow this tax credit the corporation may hire some people back and make some minor adjustments in their facility that they already let go. So I think that we are just whistling in the dark on this issue as to what we are trying to do. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise with mixed emotions on this, I think most all of us in Nebraska agree with the concept but as Senator Newell has said and as Senator Kahle has said I think we are being asked to vote on quite a substantial piece of legislation here that has not had a public hearing. We do not know that much of the details of it as we need to know before we pass judgment and it would appear to me that inasmuch as we are facing a very crucial time, at the moment, and in this bill we are trying to provide some revenue to help ease the burden that we are now facing. It seems that we are tearing that away if we adopt this type of an approach. We are all in support of trying to get people back to work and all of that kind of concept, but I think this approach in this way is really being detrimental to that which we are trying to accomplish to face the issue for the day. I certainly would, at this point, urge you not to adopt this amendment.