

jobs? Well, as you can see, I did introduce it this year again. This year the Revenue Committee, instead of holding it in their committee, has advanced it to the floor of the Legislature because we had a good hearing on the bill. We had people speaking both in support and in opposition. The bill has advanced and I think it is worthy of consideration. I can tell you right now that we don't have a lot of lobbyists lobbying for this bill. The people that are really concerned about this bill are the taxpayers that live in your district whose tax increase dollars are being used to subsidize a bill whose philosophy and whose strategy is inherently flawed and misguided. Those are the people that are concerned. Those are the letters that I receive in my office that want...and the people in Omaha who write me and say why are we providing tax credits when...to companies that are decreasing their overall employment in the State of Nebraska?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time has expired.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: And it is for those people that I would ask you to vote for this bill and advance it. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. A motion on the desk, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator McFarland as principal introducer has an amendment pending. Senator, your amendment is on page 1324 of the Journal.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator McFarland.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Thank you. This is a rather technical amendment. It doesn't change the intent of the bill at all. It amends for clarification purposes, language in the bill. I have already heard comments from my fellow senators and some of the people who are interested in this bill who had questions about, how do you judge average number of employees? Does this apply to the average number of employees through the entire system of a company? Does it apply to their employees nationwide or just in Nebraska? Also, does it apply on a project basis or a companywide basis? You'll recall that the tax incentives and credits that are provided in 775 for job creation apply to increased jobs on a project, not on the company statewide or anything like that. So, for example, some companies might have a project in say Grand Island, Nebraska, where they could designate that they are going to invest \$3 million in that