

they make these changes they would make those changes within Nebraska instead of going to another state to do it, and I have reservations about making this change in light of those ongoing growth type and revenue enhancing projects that these companies go through, and that will end my statement, thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hefner, would you care to discuss the amendment, Senator Ashford on deck.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to support the amendment because I feel that we need some clarification there. Also, I voted the bill out of committee and some of you who have asked me, well how come you did that because you're a strong booster of LB 775 and also 270? But I feel that some of these companies are taking advantage of our program and, in fact, Senator McFarland passed some news clippings out that show, that have shown us that two of them have did that. Well, what this bill would do, this would say that you need to keep your average number of employees up to that what you started with when you received the incentive or your tax credit. And I don't think it was this body's intent, at least it wasn't my intent to do that. What we wanted to do was pass a bill that would create jobs because when we create jobs these employees pay sales tax, they pay income tax and they pay property tax and this is how we're going to pay or how at least we're going to try to raise enough money so that we can give these tax incentives. I don't know whether I'll support the bill all the way through yet, but I feel that we need to have this bill before this body and each of us express our opinions on what we think we passed a couple of years ago. I think that we need to voice our opinions and I would hope that we'd have a good discussion on this bill and so I'm going to support the amendment. I think we need the amendment on the bill and then go from there.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Ashford, on the amendment.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Yes, thank you, I'll talk to the amendment at this point and the bill later. Mr. President and members, I will second what Senator Hefner has said and Senator Landis as well, that Senator McFarland has brought to the body I think a...what is a needed dialogue on the effect of LB 775. I maybe take a little bit of a different view towards 775 than Senator McFarland and I, like Senator Hefner, am not sure what I'm going to do on this bill as it goes through the legislative process.