

what we're expecting. And I think the accountability, the factor that I mentioned earlier, if anything, what Senator McFarland and what I am saying is there needs to be an accountability for this bill, that the public needs to know the cost and the benefits of the bill. The public needs to know that they are getting jobs out of the bill and I think holding those people that supported the bill in the past to be accountable and to be responsible and to meet that expectation is not unreasonable, and so I'd ask all of you to support LB 437 and to allow us to proceed with this legislation, recognizing that there are flaws in the original bill and even perhaps some flaws in this concept, but at the same time it does correct a misunderstanding I think occurred in the original bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I'm going to be taking probably an unpopular position also because I am not going to be supporting LB 437. I do commend Senator McFarland for trying to focus the bill a little bit by changing some language in there on the amendment and I think it was a justifiable amendment. Senator Landis did make a comment that I thought was very good and Senator Schmit alluded to that and that is, when we were passing 775, those of us that did support it and voted for it did not think to ourselves, yes, we're going to vote for 775 because we want to give tax breaks to people who are going to cut jobs. Obviously, we didn't do that. But this amendment, this bill, LB 437, I really have a question as to whether it is going to do anything towards the goal that Senator McFarland has purported to us. Basically what Senator McFarland is saying is, we are only going to give those tax breaks to those people who create, net new jobs. Now that sounds fairly laudable as far as I'm concerned and it sounds like it's a pretty good goal and it's very difficult to argue against. But I try to think to myself and look at, well what if this part of the bill was part of LB 775 some two years ago when we passed it? What would have happened? Would ConAgra have stayed, would they have left? Would Union Pacific have laid off the jobs, would they have applied for these things, would they have started some things? Would Mutual of Omaha done anything different? Would Goodyear have done anything different, some major areas that Senator McFarland has brought up. And my question comes down, that maybe everything would have changed. I think that it's very possible and obviously as Senator Wesely has pointed out, it's very difficult to know what would have