

remember, we're only talking about prospective. We're not affecting those people back there. We're talking about new opportunities that probably will not happen. I believe this is a bad thing to put on 775. I realize it's very unpopular to take this position, but I believe that 775 is working and the strength of the state is growing because of it and I will oppose this legislation.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. I'm pleased to take a moment to introduce guests of Senator Byars under the south balcony, George and Katy Kilpatrick from Beatrice are with us. They happen to be the parents of Senator Hall's LA, George Kilpatrick. George and Katy, please stand and be recognized. We're glad to have you with us. An amendment on the desk, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schmit would move to amend the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I'd ask the Clerk to read the amendment if he would, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, on page 7, line 1 after the "period" insert the following new language: Except that if at the end of the tax period the average number of jobs shall show an increase above those required by law.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, obviously I've just drafted this amendment for an opportunity to speak and I do want you, however, to think about it. As I indicated earlier, many times a business faces adversity and I just noticed this morning Lindsay Manufacturing, manufacture pivots, are looking for a big year. But a few years ago because of a combination of circumstances most of the pivot manufacturers were almost shut down if not out of business, in fact, would have been out of business had it not been for the overseas work. I'm trying to make a point here that I tried to make earlier and I probably didn't do a very good job of it. But I am trying to point out that we have a situation in the state that we have created through tax incentives which does, in fact, give to certain groups a substantial advantage. I want to be certain that if a business happens to fall upon hard times and if that business happens to, for a period of time, have to reduce its workforce,