

We're trying to attract people here to create jobs. We ought to require people to keep those jobs in place in order to receive credits. It is clearly part of the equation that we can't lose sight of and we need to endorse it through LB 437. It is not new jobs, Senator Hannibal, it just says keep the ones that you have there, don't let your numbers fall down and if they do, you put off taking that credit until a point in time during that...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time has expired.

SENATOR HALL: ...15-year window, your jobs go back up. That's not too much to ask. That is clearly part of the equation that has to be there and unless we don't require that through LB 437, I think we are not being fair to those other companies, those other companies, for example, that invested \$3 million and create the 30 jobs, those other companies that invested 10 million and create the 100 jobs. Those are the companies that you're cheating. Those are the ones...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time has expired, Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: ...who are...when you're dealing with the \$20 million investment issue and no new jobs, the companies are the smaller companies, or the ones that are, I think, being discriminated against because they are going to keep those jobs. They've invested that money and they're going to create those new jobs. I would urge the body to advance LB 437 to basically, as I stated in my opening, to make a technical change to the 775 bill that we passed two years ago that just clarifies our intent and places our intent clearly in statute. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair is pleased to announce that Senator Robak has 49 fourth and sixth graders and their teacher visiting from Hyland Park Elementary in Columbus with us in the north balcony. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you for taking the time to visit with us this morning, we're glad you're here. Further discussion on the advancement of the bill? Senator Hartnett, followed by Senator Schellpeper and Senator Landis.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, a few years ago we passed, I think, a very good piece of legislation in LB 775. We did something, I think, especially in the Omaha area where I live, we...I think the economy was on the rocks and I