

SENATOR LAMB: Chair recognizes Senator Korshoj on the committee amendments.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Mr. Speaker, members, I am all for the committee amendments. As I talk to people out in rural Nebraska the last couple of years they found the averaging was just murder to qualify for this. When they had to invest more than they had been investing the prior three years by \$100,000 they just couldn't qualify. We've had a lot of words tossed around about symbolic and policy and et cetera. I don't see any way we should even tie this bill to 775, even though they were part of the same economic development package. LB 775 had nothing to do with what the Legislature wanted. The bill was given to us by corporate Omaha, and they said, here's what we want and here's what you get, and we gave it to them. I think we should do the same with these small business bills. In the year 1987 there was only 54 businesses, in out state Nebraska, that qualified for this bill. And there are hundreds of more small businesses than there are gigantic corporations in the state, yet 200 of them qualified for the bill that they drafted, the bill that they gave us. So I think in all fairness to small business we do need to put that at 75,000, and I know it's a negotiable term, Senator Smith, but I think we can also make it too low. We've got to have incentive in it somehow. Maybe the problem you're eluding to should be addressed in another way. I'm not sure, I'll be glad to talk to you about it. I don't want to make it too easy. I want some incentive in it. I think that at 75,000 and eliminate the averaging, I think we will offer something to a lot more businesses in out state Nebraska. And the cost is not that great. It's nowhere near the cost of what 775 is. The people who qualify, they don't get that much benefits out of it, but it's an incentive and that is really what I want to do is give them that incentive. So I'm for the committee amendments and I'm for the bill, and I hope it just dances through here because we're not giving the shop away. It's a very good piece of legislation. Thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair recognizes Senator Ashford on the committee amendments. Senator Ashford seems to be out of the Chamber at this point. We'll go on to Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, my comments here this morning on this have nothing to do with the amendments. But there has been representation made on this floor in relationship to 335, and that those of us who did not support Senator