

seems to me ludicrous that Jobs for Nebraska, the lobbying group, even the name suggests that they want jobs creation, would oppose a bill like LB 437, which in effect says we're not going to give you tax credits for taking and eliminating jobs from Nebraska. In effect Jobs for Nebraska is a lobbyist group, in effect, advocates and they are urging tax credits for large corporations that are eliminating jobs in Nebraska. To me that is the ultimate in hypocrisy. If you check out Iowa and Kansas, their growth in economic development, our neighboring states, is outpacing Nebraska's economic growth. They don't have LB 775, they are doing it with a more focused, a more direct, a more reasonable approach. LB 775 isn't the reason for Nebraska's economic situation, we are affected by many other things, agriculture, markets, ag subsidies from Washington. As a matter of fact I think LB 775's effect is minimal at best, and it's biggest impact is it raised the taxes of the people in the State of Nebraska for the past two years. Nevertheless, I want to thank my colleagues who voted for 437 and tell them that I'm going to vote for LB 335 anyway, because I think small businesses, in order to have some reasonable chance to survive against large corporations like IBP, need some kind of break as well. I would urge my fellow senators and the people that supported 437 and supported efforts to change 775 to keep the faith. The facade is crumbling, the illusion is disappearing, people in Nebraska are seeing a new light and a new day will dawn when we will realize that LB 775 has, in effect, caused a tax increase for the citizens of our state and that policy is doomed to failure. With that I would withdraw the motion, Mr. Chairman. I thank you for the opportunity to speak.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you. The motion is withdrawn. Our next speaker will be Senator Korshoj on the bill.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: I res...Mr. Speaker, I call the question.

SENATOR LAMB: Question has been called. Do I see five seconds? I do. All those in support of ceasing debate vote aye, those opposed no. Have you all voted to cease debate? Have you all voted to cease debate? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 3 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR LAMB: Debate is ceased. Senator Rogers, to close on the bill.