

\$2,000 level and it was compromised down to the \$1,000 level. I think the \$1,500 level is where it should be and I support that. I am one, Senator Landis, who does support increases to ADC and I support increases for unemployment and for workmen's compensation. I believe that is a valid area of state government and I will continue to support those things. But I think we have to look at balance and we have to look at the viability of our private sector. LB 775 and LB 270, in my opinion, are two wonderful opportunities for our state. I think that there are going to be problems along the road and we have to continue to look at them. But I think that we have to balance out what we do as a state in our government largess with what we do to encourage private industry to expand. And I will continue to support those programs but I will also continue to try to strike a balance on the private enterprise side of it as well because I think we have to have both...both going. We've got money in Nebraska today for many reasons. One of the reasons, I think, is because our private sector has started to expand again and we can't sit here and say that every expansion project is directly attributable to 775 or certainly to 270, but I think they are factors. And as we try to strike a balance in our state, we need to keep that always in mind because we want to have the money and we want to have businesses expand so that they will...that they will be able to fund unemployment at a reasonable level and workmen's compensation and do the things for the...its employees that are...that we feel are fair and reasonable. So, in striking the balance, I think the \$1,500 level and the \$75,000 threshold...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...are a good balance and I support them. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit, followed by Senators Warner, Wesely, and Haberman.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, it's always difficult when you have been on both sides of an issue to justify why one issue is sufficient and the other one isn't. I supported 270 out of self-defense, I suppose, and opposed 775. But it would seem to me that a new job ought to be a new job whether it is in one sector of the country or another. And it's kind of interesting that according to some studies that were performed that a new job under 270 cost about 10 percent or less