

laws, they have a difference in investment procedures, how much money can go in, how much money can go out of the country, and so on, and yet the multinational company, corporations, can abide by each one of those 10 or 15 or 20 different countries' rules and regulations because they know that that is what they have to do in order to make money, and they can do so. All we are asking the railroads to do is in the area of state employe...State of Nebraska citizens where they are employed that they are going to have to make some minor changes, and I will put to you quite honestly that the changes are, indeed, minor. And Senator Chizek was absolutely correct, if we have a group of Nebraskans that we exempt out, if we haven't learned about exemptions on property tax, I don't know when we will. If you have a group of people that are exempted out that are Nebraska citizens, and we require everyone else to do that, and the railroad in the future because of federal changes decide that the federal standards are such that they don't want these other people that don't have to meet the federal standards to apply any more, so they don't have the Nebraska citizens that aren't federally mandated to be tested, they are not going to be tested at all, for Nebraska to say we are going to allow them to be handled by the federal government is, in essence, saying...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...that we, as Nebraska's Legislature, are delegating our responsibilities to the federal level. And people, I understand the Constitution of the United States that says no powers not here foreseen talked about are constitutional powers of the state, I don't remember anywhere where it says anything in Nebraska's that the state legislature don't want to do for a particular group they can go ahead and tell the federal government you take care of it. It doesn't work that way. It is our responsibility to take care of our people. We are not asking anything unreasonable, truly not, and all we have is one company saying that it is going to be a little bit of extra work for us to do that and, quite honestly, the results on drug testing is going to be well worth the work, and I urge that Senator Wehrbein's amendment not be agreed to, and, quite honestly, I don't care about the Chambers amendment, because whether it is agreed to or not, I would hope that the body would defeat the Wehrbein amendment, and we would move forward.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.