

this and I...and we...if we're going to keep rural Nebraska going, we need some type of a measure such as this. And what we...what we're really saying is to the people, I think, if we don't believe in this measure is that we don't trust the people because what has to happen with this measure, it has to go...the city council has to approve it first, then it has to go to the vote of the people and it simply...we're simply not trusting the voters of each of the communities to respond to an issue as they see it as for economic development. And I guess maybe Omaha and Lincoln does not need a measure like this but I see the cities such as Columbus and Grand Island and Norfolk and so forth needing it, and it also helps the smaller communities around this area. When we were up to...or up to Norfolk a couple of years ago all the communities within the...in the eighties, around Norfolk, had grown, it did not lose population and simply was the efforts of Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, the leaders of Norfolk, the business and governmental officials in Norfolk to attract industry and so I see this as a necessary tool to allow cities such as that size to be able to attract industry and that every one of these projects, before they can go in place have to go to the vote of the people and what I think we're saying to people if we don't vote for this, we're not trusting people at the local level. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. May I introduce some guests, please? Our Senator Crosby has a guest, our doctor of the day, Dr. Curtis Batten of Lincoln. Doctor, would you please stand so that we may see you. Thank you for your services today. Senator Kristensen has a guest under the north balcony, Eunice Jackson of Minden. Would you please stand, Eunice. And Senator Ashford has some guests in the south balcony. They are 15 fourth graders from Brownell-Talbot in Omaha and their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. And thanks to all of you for visiting us today. Senator Landis, please, followed by Senator Korshoj and Senator Peterson. Okay, Senator Korshoj, please.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Mr. President...Mr. President and members, everything I wanted to say has been said. I am against the kill motion and I don't blame Lincoln. Lincoln is a city that is recession proof. How many state capitals has the penitentiary and the college and this government, all these government entities to keep their economy going? It doesn't matter what happens to the rest of Nebraska. Lincoln is going to survive and thrive. I heard this bill and I heard the companion bill