

two, ConAgra has a major continuing commitment to economic growth and job creation in the great State of Nebraska. In light of ConAgra's record and the economic commitment we share with the Legislature, we respectfully suggest that LR 419 is not necessary. What I have done is I read the resolution this morning and I apologize not having something prepared to hand out, but it's fairly simple and, in fact, what I filed was just the striking language. But on page 1861, the first...I will read it as it would read. I leave the first Whereas as it is. The second whereas, strike the words "to encourage ConAgra" because I would think that we would want, as a Legislature, to know that we want to maintain and expand all business opportunities wherever they may be. And then in the third whereas I struck the portion just relative to ConAgra and other so it would read that 775 was to provide tax incentives for Nebraska corporations in total. Then the third, the next one that makes reference to three bills passed that session, I struck it in its entirety. I don't believe that again that those bills were enacted for the benefit of any one particular corporation. I leave the next one intact because that's factual. I struck the bottom one which says there are reports that they may relocate. As you can read there, there are discussions but even a merger apparently has not taken place. And then on the top of page 1862, in the last whereas I struck the word "ConAgra" and simply say that we're committed to working with Nebraska businesses to maintain expanded presence in Nebraska and I'm sure we will want this, be on record of being in support of all business in Nebraska to expand. And then in the Now Therefore Resolved that the Legislature instead of calls on ConAgra simply encourages ConAgra to retain Country headquarters in Grand Island. It seems to me that if the purpose of the resolution is to call attention to the advantages of economic development that Nebraska has enacted, particularly in the area of 775, a bill which I did not vote for, unlike Senator Wesely, and I think Goodyear would have been a very good reason for me to have voted for it, 'cause that's where I certainly had more attention at that point was from Goodyear Havelock plant than I had from any other area of of the state. But it seems to me that we ought to concentrate on the benefits of that package that the overwhelming majority of this body supported and recognize that we want to apply this resolution to every business, every opportunity and certainly it would be in error to suggest that all those economic development incentives were enacted for the benefit of one firm in Nebraska. The mere record shows that's not true by the number of business that have