

guarantee you that, in the paper. I have mixed emotions about Senator Warner's amendment. After all, today we are talking about the Country Gentleman (sic) Stores. We are talking about a possible relocation and that's exactly what the issue is. It's very easy to stand up and make generals and so on and so forth and, Senator Hefner, well, we have Bloomfield and we know...I happen to know the Waldbaum company, I worked for them for years, for Milton Waldbaum. And that's the way the egg business is, and so on, but to bring other things in it, but what we're talking about today is the Country Gentleman (sic) Stores. First of all, I do want to say ConAgra does have approximately 1,800 or so employees in my area. And I also want to say, as far as I know and have ever heard, they are very good employers. They give benefits and I have never heard anyone criticize them and that's very unusual, such a large employer as that. There may be criticism there but not that I'm aware of. Also, I guess that I did get the courtesy of a call returned to me yesterday afternoon. If fact, if most of you noticed, I was off of the floor a good part of yesterday afternoon and that was in conversation with Grand Island and Grand Island Industrial Foundation people and with ConAgra officials. And, as I told them my experience is, and you start at the top management, if possible, and that I did. They were very considerate and I can appreciate their position. They are a very large, a very growing corporation. I think they're expanding somewhere, I don't know, like 20 percent a year, and that is to their credit and to their management. And I am aware that many companies buy out another company. My daughter worked for a big medical supply company in Denver and would you believe a shipping company bought them out, moved the whole thing from Denver to Dallas almost instantly. So that does happen daily. And to this transaction, I think to ConAgra this is just another daily business transaction and that's simply the way it is. They did acknowledge that their...I guess as one person put it, anybody that...everybody that is anybody is being flown to Nashville right now. Also, they may be flying people from Nashville back to Grand Island. So...and I am aware that geographic location makes a difference. The air line problem that we have in Grand Island may be a contributing factor. And, myself, the same way with the other senators, I have a great concern because of LB 775 and the benefits and the many, many discussions, hours and hours that went on a few years ago. But again, on the other hand, I can say that I know how business is and large corporations, and this is a business deal with them. I am, as I say, almost disappointed in Senator Warner and, I guess