

true, I assume that would have been the only one that would take advantage and we all know that's not true. I'm not arguing against the resolution. I haven't said that we shouldn't pass it. All I'm saying is that the whereases ought to reflect a state policy which is to encourage the expansion of jobs and business in Nebraska. That's as...in its totality. Now it doesn't take a lot of...if we're making suspicions, and I could pick up those whereases all day long, I suppose, and say, well, look the Legislature even said by resolution that the only reason they enacted it was for one business company in the state and yet there are many, many businesses that were affected. And that's all I'm attempting to do is make the whereas, in fact, reflect what I assume was the feeling of the majority of the body that they were helping business throughout the state and encourage jobs throughout the state and, in fact, that's what has occurred. Philosophically, I do not like tax incentives, no question about that. I've voted against them for the last 10, 15 years, including exemptions that were enacted a time or two. But if you want to pass the resolution, which I have no objection to, then don't...don't mix it in with something that goes beyond or narrows, actually, narrows what that state policy, in fact, does, and that was to encourage jobs and business everywhere. That's all my amendment does. I do not strike one single thing which has the impact of the Legislature not saying that they want to encourage those headquarters to stay there.

SPEAKER BARRITT: Thank you. Senator Goodrich, please.

SENATOR GOODRICH; Mr. President and members of the body, I rise in wholehearted and enthusiastic support of the Warner amendment. I'm going to make a suggestion here and that is that not only ConAgra but a lot of companies in Nebraska are constantly talking to other companies throughout the United States and the world even. Thank goodness they do. Over the last 10 years, ConAgra's employment in Nebraska has grown from 500 up to a present number of 5,000, and the more they talk to other companies across the United States and the world, the better off we are because they will continue...ConAgra and among other companies will continue to acquire other companies. ConAgra, for example, owns about a dozen major companies. They own over 30 minor, what I call minor companies. The more they own, the stronger they are; the stronger they are in Nebraska, the more employment they will have in Nebraska at their headquarters right here in Nebraska and, consequently, let's