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need to assist businesses interested in gaining or expanding export markets for their products. I don't know of any of those products that LB 1241 would address but we definitely need to expand those markets. About two-thirds of all exports represent market opportunities for the average American business and the most recent year detailed state level manufacturing export data, I told you, was only available since 1984, none more recent, which is too bad. And in that year Nebraska had an abysmal record, .5 percent, and ranked 35th among the 50 states. Number three of the Boyle report recommendation was to implement a Buy Nebraska program to generate more business for area firms, allowing them to expand operations and increase employment. There are many Buy Nebraska efforts across the state and a food industry center has been very...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...instrumental in making that more out in the front and make us all aware of the fact that we should support our Nebraska businesses and Buy Nebraska. Also, number four, we should initiate a worker attraction program that will help local businesses with potential for expansion in hiring nonexempt workers. And that is very important. We are...unemployment is down so low that we need to have more workers, better skilled workers and when we have better trained and skilled workers we will have better paid workers. So the state should put their money into programs that train workers and increase...

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

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SENATOR PIRSCH: ...their capacity for salary increases.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Pirsch, yours was the next light, you were on Senator Byars' time, I believe.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Yes.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Proceed if you wish to speak to the motion to bracket.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Oh, yes, Mr. President had given me 10 minutes and I thought that meant my 10 minutes was up, but I have five more minutes. Thank you. Well, I will go on then with this