

image campaign of the city and that image campaign comprises of more than just a business location, it also includes transportation, it also includes the fine arts, it also includes promoting the good life in Nebraska. I think that is something that brings our children back when they leave for their education or their first job. And many have come back to Nebraska because Nebraska is the good life.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time. Senator Labeledz, followed by Senator Robak.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. After reading parts of the Final Reading bill, LB 1241, I am preparing an amendment that I'm sure Senator Hall and Senator Lindsay will be supporting because I am also including south Omaha. South Omaha has the same problem as north Omaha. We have probably even worse because when I was growing up, we had the stockyards and we also had the packing houses. We had Armours, Wilsons, Cudahys and we had thousands of people that were working there and we have maybe one or two very small packing plants now and thousands of people were left without jobs, they're unemployed. We tore down at least three or four blocks of stockyard pens and they're no longer there. The reservoir is gone. Fortunately, we have a shopping center there but South 24th Street, which is in Senator Tim Hall's district, the shops are closing one after another and to just take a million dollars and put it in north Omaha and not even consider south Omaha, I believe, is very, very wrong. I received a letter from a very nice lady today, Senator Chambers, that happens to be a black lady that is very, very interested in getting more jobs and economic development in south Omaha. I have been helping them for months at the South Omaha Neighborhood Association because they, too, are concerned about gangs and problems and are looking for jobs and businesses in south Omaha. We have a Hispanic neighborhood in Senator Hall's district and some in my district that are without jobs and they're finding it very difficult nowadays to find a job and would like to work close to home. And if we can promote businesses in south Omaha, and I am all for promoting them in north Omaha also, but I don't think any one of us here on the floor cannot say the same thing about their community. I'm sure in the rural areas, as I traveled through the State of Nebraska, I find many, many small towns that shop after shop is closed in the small rural areas. Why not divide that amongst everyone in the state and especially those places where they are looking for jobs, looking for jobs especially for our young people? And to