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CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: We are now on the bill. Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I brought up the issue of family leave at my townhall meeting on Monday night and my constituents had some questions that I really couldn't answer. And I would like Senator Wesely, if he would yield, to perhaps give me some of those.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Wesely, would you respond, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Senator Wesely, you had mentioned earlier today that this would only affect 2 percent of business in Nebraska. What does that translate to into numbers?

SENATOR WESELY: It's something a little over 900 businesses and I have got the chart here that I will get for you in a second.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay. So 900 businesses...

SENATOR WESELY: Okay, here's the figure. There are 984 companies in Nebraska that have over 100 employees. There are 46,746 total firms in the state.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay. So this could affect, say, 90,000 employees?

SENATOR WESELY: No, number of employees...

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SENATOR PIRSCH: Well, more than that, at least 90,000.

SENATOR WESELY: The number of employees that are actually covered is like 328,000, or about 45 percent of the total employees. There's like 719,000 total employees in the state and 328,000 would be covered by this so, though you cover very few employers, you cover a great number of the employees.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Of the employees. Okay, that's helpful. What