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SENATOR PIRSCH: ...this a benefit for their employees. And would you happen to know how many already are doing this?

SENATOR WESELY: We do not have very good figures for Nebraska but nationally we have seen something like 27 percent have parental leave.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Would this be of over 100 employees?

SENATOR WESELY: I believe so, yes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay.

SENATOR WESELY: So there's still a lot of companies that don't have it but there are a number that do.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Uh-huh.

SENATOR WESELY: And this is national. I don't know what it would be Nebraska.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay, thank you. That...I appreciate the answers to those questions. Again, I will be interested in listening to debate. Mandating to the 75 percent still bothers me a lot.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Senator Haberman, you're next.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, if I didn't know better, I would say that the...this body is anti, antiemployer. It seems as though this body here lately in the past few years has been, let's get the employer, let's get the guy who's hiring the people and let's penalize him. Maybe we've forgotten, maybe we have forgotten that if the employer, be he 100 people working for him or 500, if he doesn't make a profit, if he doesn't do good, doesn't sell his merchandise, there aren't going to be any employees. There just won't be any employees because he's going to go out of business. In other words, they call it killing the golden goose. We're going to say to this businessman, we're going to tax you more. We're going to have you give your employees more time off, you're bad, bad, bad, we're going to get you! Just remember, the man who has the payroll is the man who pays the taxes, who pays possibly your salary, who pays for government, who pays basically

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