

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...very unfairly. So I would give the rest of my time to Senator Hartnett just to be sure I was...I was defining correctly how that enterprise zone definition would work in a rural area. Senator Hartnett, at your pleasure.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah, Senator Beutler, so far I think you've raised some real good points. I think what we need to do, I think after listening to it, I think reasonableness I think really wasn't meant to go out into a county like your example, and so forth. But I think maybe we need to tighten the definition and so forth. I really wouldn't have any problems with doing that, Senator Beutler.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Madam President and members, once again when Senator Hartnett tries to do something for the little guy some folks rise up in alarm. That's the second time this afternoon. First was the motor vehicle tax and now this. I'm reminded of the time when we described the blighted area procedure in the City of Lincoln and, if my memory serves me correctly, the area where the Cornhusker Hotel is now located was qualified to be designated as a blighted area. And, of course, there were many parts of the city that, in the opinion of most of us, would have fit the qualifications better. But the political realities were that the downtown area, because of the need of a new hotel, actually became a blighted area. My concern, of course, is that we have had, for the last five years, one glowing rendition after another of the results of the Economic Incentive Act of 1987, 775. We were told that 20,000 new jobs had been created, unemployment is at 2.9, et cetera, et cetera. I don't know how many times I heard that. I don't know how many times I reminded folks that in the process we spent another \$800 million of state money which no doubt contributed somewhat to the new jobs. Then a week ago last Saturday there came a story in the newspaper. Suddenly, there were not 20,000 new jobs. There were not 20,000 new jobs. In fact, I doubt if there were any jobs at all. I forget the exact terminology in the news item. And Nebraska, in place of being in the number one position in new jobs, was in 25th. The question I would like to ask is this, who was doing the count? Who was doing the count? A cattle feeder like Dierks here, if he was counting like that, would be broke in a month. And I would suggest that any businessman who was doing inventory would not last very long if they did that kind of count. I hesitate to say that someone lied, but the very