

plainest truth we can say is that someone did not tell the truth and I suspect strongly that the truth was known a long time before a week ago last Saturday. So all of the tens of millions of dollars of exemptions that had been paid out in the past to businesses for the creation of new jobs have, in fact, created no new jobs. Now then the counteract to that will be, well, we probably lost less jobs. If we wouldn't have had that, we would have probably lost ConAgra, we would have lost Union Pacific. We would have lost all of these, so we actually had a net gain because we didn't lose. Well, if that's the case, then let's take off all taxes. Let's take off all taxes and we'll all have all these people coming in here and it will just work so much better. The point is this, that these kind of proposals, as has been outlined by Senator Warner and Senator Hall and others, tend to become very, very overblown in regard to their potential impact upon the State of Nebraska as a whole. Here and there someone skillful in the manipulation of numbers and dates and spaces, as Senator Beutler has outlined, may be able to make it work for the benefit of an individual company. It's outlined that Thurston County will...would be counted...would qualify, and North Omaha. As senators have outlined on this floor today, we know that those counties and those areas are not going to be the benefactors of this kind of legislation.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I would suggest that instead of granting additional exemptions, based upon artificial facts, and pseudo guidelines and chicanery which inevitably results, when you put all this in the statute books, that we try to treat people more equitably and that we would, in the long run, bring more jobs to this state. Last, but not least, of course, is that we need to provide the stability so that the existing businesses that are there, that have made the investment, that paid the taxes, who have hired the people, who have educated the children for the past 40, 50, 60 years know that they will not be penalized so that some Johnny Come Lately can plunk his business into this state and extract certain benefits and pull out again or in other ways benefit at a rate far greater...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...than the citizen who has been here and has contributed very substantially to the benefit of the state. I would support the Hall proposal.