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wanted it to do. But it might also have impacts beyond the borders of that very fine county in a manner which we do not expect. And so I would hope that others would look into that very carefully before we proceed with the bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON: Mr. Speaker and members, would...Senator Hartnett, would you yield to a question or two?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hartnett, would you respond to a question, please.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yes.

SENATOR PETERSON: Senator Hartnett, I got on the floor just...and I apologize for being late. But at the hearing what will this do in areas like a Norfolk, or smaller towns? Will this be of any benefit out in rural Nebraska?

SENATOR HARTNETT: It does benefit some rural Nebraska, some counties, and if a city like Norfolk would lose 300 employees from one industry, then it would have some impact. But it fits Omaha, and it fits...it fits some counties that...that qualify under this...two of the three, population decrease, high unemployment, and low income. And if...if Norfolk, and I think the...I don't...I think they have 1 employee with 300, if that would leave, then they could qualify for...under this act.

SENATOR PETERSON: But it would have to be an employer with 300 or more...

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah, yeah.

SENATOR PETERSON: ...that would fall victim to some closing or something like that.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah.

SENATOR PETERSON: Otherwise it would not apply, so you would have a little town, wouldn't have that big an industry,...

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah.

SENATOR PETERSON: ...so mainly, mainly Omaha, right?