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figure out some way for you to wear a mask I suppose and so on. But people have told me that. But that's not a lot of money. That is not a lot of money for a family to exist on. So I hope that what we are doing this week does help business. I want to ask you one other question, and it is a rhetorical. Nobody has to answer because you know the answer. A lot of you work with nonprofit organizations, all kinds; human services, in the arts, all kinds of those things, education. When you need money to help that group going, whom do you go to first? You go to business. I have lists from businesses of the money they give every year right here in Lincoln and in Omaha and across the state, the money they give to nonprofits to help those organizations survive and help those organizations do the work that they do with people. So I really get weary of listening to business being bashed on this floor. I get really weary of that because I have said before education is the cornerstone of our society, business is the lifeline. Business is important to this state. Agribusiness is our driving force, and all these other things fold in. Omaha wouldn't exist if it weren't for the sandhills and the wheat farms and the corn farms. They wouldn't exist. Omaha would probably just float down the Missouri River. So, Senator Schimek is laughing.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CROSBY: I've listened all week to all of you, and I think you'd better start listening and thinking what you want for your constituency. Do you want jobs or don't you? That's the whole answer, and if all of these things are going to work out, and you can talk about cost-benefit analysis later, fine. There isn't any piece of our statutes that can't be added to or subtracted from or changed in some way. That is the way our system works. And we aren't going to do this this week and then walk away from it and never look at it again, you know that is not so. So let's all vote for it this morning and feel that at least we are working at and trying to help Nebraska be a better economic state. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Coordsen, your light is next.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President, and members of the body. I rise this morning, not so much to badger LB 829, as I do to defend the honor of the Revenue Committee relative to the formula that was in 829 before all of the debate and the