

taking of it out. I believe it was a good formula. It wasn't flawed any more than any other formula might be flawed because of assumptions. But the formula that was changed and then taken out simply provided that there are a couple of measurable standards, that are measurable within a pretty good degree of accuracy, and that is the tax liability over 15 years which (inaudible) to the State of Nebraska minus the state incentives over 15 years equals the taxes received by the state. Now that has to be understandable. And to that then, in your economic benefit analysis, you add the excise, income, and sales tax from spin-off jobs and employment sales tax over that period of time, and there are assumptions, of course, in that, and the formula required that that would equal one dollar or more, and I don't believe that the formula was flawed, at the time it was put out of committee. I don't believe the formula was flawed until the floor amendment was added, and, at that point in time, then it became a flawed formula, and it was appropriate for the body to take the action they did which was to take it out and leave no defined measure at all involved in that. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, and members of the Legislature. I have I think maybe a practical matter that I want to make sure gets mentioned this morning in the debate before we go much further, and probably as a matter of record, but a number of people again today have stood up and referred to this as a package, that somehow LB 829 is connected to LB 830, and LB 828, and, of course, they are not. They are separate policies, and in particular this bill offers no what I'd call closed or special class of people. It is obviously open to anyone who can qualify for those and meet those thresholds, and so they are not tied. And I think that the principal introducers of the bill would certainly echo that and I know that I'm, in particular, going to vote on this individual piece of legislation in its entirety of just that bill, not contingent upon anything else. But I think there is a larger question this morning, and, of course, if you are from outside of our two larger cities of Omaha and Lincoln, the question becomes very simple over the weekend. People will talk to you, people will ask, and I think if they haven't, they're certainly thinking about it, what is in this for the state as a whole? Because the most of the thinking people, of course, don't come down and say what's in it for me, what does my district get in return for