

SENATOR HALL: ...in the amendment that's in the Journal,...

SENATOR WESELY: Um-hmm.

SENATOR HALL: Because that deals with the issue of minimum wage. It deals with job training resources and programs in Nebraska, the types of jobs that are available out there, that's fine, but I mean my question is in relation to, and I guess it is listed as Section 5 in this...it is Section 5, and then it shows up to 68-1702 on page 8 of the E & R amendment, I don't show it as stricken and I just question if they are going to continue along these lines exploring these issues or if, because I would not be in support of that. If they are going to move to this area that you are talking about with the amendment, that makes a lot of sense, but to say that they are going to continue to look at and make recommendations regarding tax incentives, tax incentives for whom, you know, and I don't know where that plays into welfare reform. But, anyway, I guess I just want to make clear what you understand the Governor's Roundtable to continue to do when we extend their life?

SENATOR WESELY: Well, you and Senator Chambers have both raised the same issue here. You are right, that what we are trying to do is let the old language go and come in with some new language based on what got done last year and what still needs to be done, and the biggest factor is bringing in the business community with the labor community and the state agencies, and try and see if we can't find a way, like I said, to match up those seeking work and those seeking employees. It makes no sense that we are not accomplishing that, and how we get the job done is critical. Roundtable served several functions last time. It was a funnel through which different studies and other groups worked and then came back to us with recommendations. We kind of leave that part out and have them with more flexibility, some direction, but, obviously, hopefully they won't just do what we tell them, but more than that. Use their expertise, and background, and diversity to come back with more recommendations. Because the biggest factor, Senator Hall, you know that, is the job thing. We talk about two years and you're out, but where's the jobs for these people and, clearly, we've got to get to work...

SENATOR LINDSAY: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...on that. We've got two years to get it