

also got a 775 tax break, and I just think the chances of Valmont leaving are pretty slim. We also, I didn't mention Cabella's, but Cabella's is a company that Senator Matzke and I have talked about in the past. They've been here a long time. I hope they will be here far into the future, and the chances of Cabella's leaving are, I think, quite slim. You will see that several of these companies that we're attempting to assist with 559 have already been assisted through the tax breaks under LB 775, so LB 559 now is an attempt to provided above and beyond the call of duty, in my view, additional tax breaks to companies, that in my view, are, again, are not going to be leaving the State of Nebraska, and have already benefited from the business climate of the state and the beneficial tax incentives we've already established. So I do hope you have a chance to take a look at the handout, but the big argument about we've got to do this or we lose business, again, I...you know, there may be a case or two where this may in fact, be the situation, but, overall, we are talking about a very limited handful of companies that are affected by this throwback, and I don't think they're going to be leaving this state. The argument that that's why we ought to do this is a weak argument, and that's the point I am trying to make. But I think, at this point, I will withdraw my motion to indefinitely postpone...postpone the bill. Mr. Speaker, I will withdraw the motion to...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Wesely.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment I have to the bill is by Senator Wesely. Senator, AM2217. It is found on page 2190 of the Journal.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wesely, to open.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. This amendment deals with the issue of LB 775 tax breaks being given to companies that have hired illegal aliens. The proposal, and it ties into a bill, LB 794 that was before the Revenue Committee, and the bill was killed by the Revenue Committee because, well, for a number of reasons, probably most likely is the Chamber of Commerce didn't like it, but the other reason would be that in the drafting it said that if somebody who received 775 tax breaks hired any illegal aliens, they would lose all of their tax breaks. It was an absolute loss of the tax credits under LB 775. And my amendment here is taking to heart the concerns that were expressed at the