

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I respectfully suggest that the bill is...the amendment is not germane. We are, if you listened to the opening statement by Senator Wesely, he is dealing with issues of employment and the people, jobs and the people who are employed. This particular bill is a repeal of a tax on businesses. It is not, while it will be argued clearly later that it relates to jobs for Nebraskans, it is not directly related to their employment, and simply involves us in an entirely different subject matter, in fact, the subject matter we've talked about with regard to other bills before the body.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: My argument, Mr. Speaker, would be that the bill before us deals with tax breaks for economic development for business. The amendment before you deals with previous tax breaks for economic development for business, and makes a change in those. I think dealing...the issue of taxes is before us, the issue of tax incentives are before us, and that's enough of a nexus to provide for the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wesely, I have a specific question that will help me make a decision, if you would respond to it. Your amendment provides an additional requirement for a company to be considered for the tax benefits under the Employment and Investment Growth Act?

SENATOR WESELY: That's correct.

SPEAKER WITHEM: And that being that they do not intentionally employ unauthorized aliens?

SENATOR WESELY: Correct.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Does that requirement carry over, is that a requirement to qualify for the provisions in LB 559 that are currently there, or does it apply to the...what is commonly called the LB 775 provisions?

SENATOR WESELY: No, it doesn't apply to 559.

SPEAKER WITHEM: In that case, if it does not apply to 559, I would rule that it is not germane. Would like to recognize