

distribution center. They would employ 600 people full time, and 450 people seasonally, and when they came to Nebraska, recognizing its central location, its telemarketing, its good people of clean dialect, it said we know you have a throwback tax, what about that? And today they are still waiting to see what we do about the throwback tax. I respectfully suggest we should not let them wait another year before we adopt this careful three-year phaseout. We know what the consequences can be. Gateway 2000 was...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Pardon me, was that one minute or time?

SPEAKER WITHEM: There is 50 seconds now.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We know what the consequences can be. We look at Gateway 2000, had signed papers to be located in South Sioux City, Nebraska, and then discovered that we had a throwback tax, and they say it straight out, and now there are 3,000 people that are employed in South Dakota. Many of them may reside in Nebraska to our benefit. And Katun Corporation going, considering Fremont and going to Davenport, Iowa is another example. But with Company C, we have a prospect for the future based on the adoption of this good policy which we ought not delay by this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Vrtiska, followed by Senators Elmer, Brown, Jensen, and Hartnett.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I rise in opposition to the Beutler amendment and support of the bill. I wanted to ask Senator Beutler a question, if I might.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Senator Beutler, you indicated, and I think it's pretty evident that you think after a year this should, in fact, go into effect, is that correct?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Oh, absolutely. I mean I don't...this is not a filibuster. This is not opposition to the bill as such,...

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, I understand that.