

wouldn't have come into existence. I've looked at this very carefully and looked at it not just from the statements made by the decision makers, but from other data that is available, and there's no doubt in my mind that that would not have occurred. Now there might have been other parts of the state, I can't speak for them, I've not studied them. But in Gage County, 775 was the reason for the increase and the filling up of the industrial park in Gage County. I've never gone to a function where business owners were talking about this particular issue or the success that they were having that they didn't credit their employees, their organization, and management. That is a fact. You can't have a successful organization without not only having good structure, good employees, but without management recognizing that. The...but I think we need to remember that it's without the decision to invest and create jobs by the stockholders and the board of directors, it doesn't occur. And so that also needs to be recognized is where the decisions are being made. Now there's been some reference that this is some type of a tax loophole that exists. You know, I don't think this can be characterized as a tax loophole. Clear back to the original Economic Development Task Force Committee that the introducer of this amendment chaired, prior to LB 775, included this exact same language. It's not a tax loophole, it's the public policy of the state of Nebraska. I concur with Senator Warner, it would seem to me anyone who would read who's eligible would be able to determine that you're going to have individual taxpayers be able to take advantage of the credits available from the investment and the creation of jobs that were required by LB 775. I want to reiterate again, I, quite frankly, feel we ought to...

SENATOR LINDSAY: One minute.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: ...applaud those individuals that are willing to invest their personal wealth in creating jobs for this state instead of taking those dollars and investing them outside the state or in money markets or other securities that would have very little impact upon the state of Nebraska and contrary to what the investment that they made in Nebraska has provided relative to this particular...this particular law. I have to go back and state that...I want to make it clear that I did not vote yes on the previous amendment because of the arguments made by the introducer. It had something entirely different to do with that. I have to say again that the difference between the