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or whatever it is. Could the bill be made better? Should we have some sort of a living wage or should we put language in there that would require these to be good jobs, meaning to have benefits? Perhaps. But I think that's part of the debate. But, again, I did sign onto the bill. I support it. I think it's a good idea. I do believe that if we put jobs and encourage development in these parts of the state, we won't have to do some of these buy-outs and giveaways as we've called them in the past. But I'm looking forward to the debate, and I think that, you know, while it's a good bill, it could be made better. But I do support it now and I'm going to commen...continue to do so. Thanks.

**PRESIDENT MAURSTAD:** Thank you, Senator Bourne. (Visitors introduced.) Further debate on the Beutler amendment to the committee amendments to LB 936, Senator Raikes.

**SENATOR RAIKES:** Thank you, members of the Legislature, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. As you look at the committee statement, there was only one of that group that was especially unenlightened apparently, and that was me. I was I think the only "no" vote although there were a couple...a couple of nonvotes on that. I wanted to explain to you a little bit the reason for my decision not to support this, and although I support the Beutler amendment, I still have grave concerns about the bill. And I would like to point out at the beginning it is not because I don't think that rural economic development isn't an important issue and it's not because I don't have the desire that rural Nebraska develop its economy in a pace consistent with that of the rest of the state. My opposition is really based on analyses that suggest immediately that this program won't work. Now Senator Matzke has...has outlined to you what is involved in this program, and I would mention that he...he said there would be no sales tax exemption. Now I would point out that if you happened to have a TV station, why apparently that wouldn't be the case. That was a cheap shot and I apologize for that, Senator Matzke. Let me...let me give you a little bit of the history that I think is relevant to this. In 1996, I think, Senator Warner introduced the Review Incentives Act. The idea of this was to develop tools, economic analysis tools to evaluate proposals that provided incentives, basically to see what...whether they would work, how well they would work,