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SENATOR MATZKE: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I support Senator Baker's amendment. Quite a bit of thought has gone into this. It is an idea that we discussed originally in drafting the bill. Subsequent to its introduction, there have been a number of conversations with various senators, and I appreciate Senator Baker putting this together. The original concept was that to qualify for benefits under the bill you had to make...or a business had to make an investment of \$100,000 per employee and in some businesses that just isn't necessary. The original \$100,000 probably was more influenced by some of the other incentive legislation that this Legislature has passed. Hundred thousand dollars makes a lot of sense if you're talking about manufacturing or warehousing, but business has changed. And Senator Baker's bill as...or Senator Baker's amendment to the bill lowers the \$100,000 to \$50,000 for the first 44 smaller counties in the state. The total bill actually addresses the economic situation of the smaller 70 counties in the state and this amendment makes it more practical for the smallest 44, all the way from Arthur County to Antelope, and I support Senator Baker's amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Matzke. Senator Raikes, on the Baker amendment.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members. Senator Baker, could I ask you a question?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Yes.

SENATOR RAIKES: You mentioned telemarketers. Are we really about the task of trying to give tax incentive to somebody so that they can offer a job as a...for a telemarketing person?

SENATOR BAKER: Actually, I don't know how much incentive this would provide because I think that the pay requirements are quite a bit higher than what the average telemarketer...I mentioned that as a person who would...or a company would have to make a minimum investment. But I...I don't know that it's going to target that.