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last paragraph, speaking of this bill, says: the 1995 law in question gives tax breaks to companies that invest millions of dollars and create new jobs in Nebraska. It gives tax breaks. I would like to read to you from an editorial that appeared in this morning's paper on another subject, but this is one of the sentences in it, and that editorial was on page 8 of this morning's World-Herald. April 5th: every significant tax break, like every significant spending increase, has to be weighed in terms of its long-term fiscal impact. They cannot weigh the long-term fiscal impact of all of these giveaway bills because they're unable to get the information, and when I say "they" I mean interested parties, which might even include members of the Legislature. That information is not available because the business people come down here and say, you do what I want done, you do it when I want it done, and you do it in the way that I tell you to do it. And the Legislature compliantly has gone along, and the business people have had their way with this Legislature. They may come back next year after this bill dies, as it certainly shall, unless I die first; unless, brothers and sisters, I repeat, I die first, and that's not in my plan. They may come back next year fuming, sputtering, their loins girded for battle, and they'll say, we're going to get from this Legislature what we want as we've always gotten it, and what I will do is make sure that I don't offer any bills so that my plate will be clean and I will defeat them. And if it's necessary to tie in other legislation, take time on other bills to stop them, I will stop them. And do you know what my ultimate goal is? Is it just to punish some businesspeople in Omaha who are arrogant and think they own the Legislature? No. That wouldn't justify what I have in mind. You know what my ultimate goal is? To point out the power that the Legislature has by virtue of the constitution of this state. The Legislature is not a second class division of government. The Legislature, despite the fact that the courts can rule our laws unconstitutional, the Legislature controls the purse strings. The Legislature is the branch that does not have to allow itself to be walked on; members dragged out in the hall, shouted at and embarrassed and humiliated in front...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...of others; a Governor feeling that he can