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matter of choice.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Redfield. I'll be following the discussion. I think I'm on your side and I believe you're doing the right thing here, unless something comes up to change my opinion. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Redfield, your light is next.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. I do want to go back to LB 29 and reemphasize that we passed this a year ago and we got e-mails back then saying that we were gutting the right-to-work law, but we didn't. That's not been the outcome and, in fact, the sky has not fallen. I mean sometimes I look at this and then I look at the e-mails and I think this is "Chicken Little met Murphy's Law," but that's not the reality. LB 29 has worked very well. People are not complaining about it. In fact, it's about responsibility. It's about fairness in the workplace. It's about people taking responsibility for their choices and actually having no incentive to choose one side or the other. Because, in fact, if I have to pay the union attorney, I may elect to choose my own and pay for him instead. But if I got a freebie, well, there's, you know, a little bit of a push to use one side there. So, in fact, I think that LB 29 has worked very well and I think we were all very comfortable with it. It didn't seem to be confusing to anyone at the time, and I will also remind you that a probusiness Governor signed it and that a probusiness senator is bringing the bill, as I did last year. Now it's interesting, H.L. Mencken had a quote, and I thought it was interesting: It's hard to believe that a man is telling you the truth when you know that you would lie if you were in his place. Well, if somebody thinks we're lying here about LB 226 then I have to wonder what they're inferring, because the record stands. We did this last year. Everyone was comfortable. It's worked well, and the sky has not fallen. I don't think we lied about LB 29. I'm telling you that the language of LB 226 is identical. It just deals with the private sector. The private sector union employment in this state is only about 3, maybe 4 percent. We're not talking about a large number of employees here. But, irregardless, it is important