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And many of the times, a wife of a farmer will go to work just to get the benefits of the health insurance. And with the corporation that came to Ord, this allowed them not only the income, but the benefits for them to, you know, help them stay on the farm. And it has also brought other people into the town that maybe live in the surrounding area. The other thing that you look at when you look at jobs in Ord, Nebraska, you know, to work for a telemarketing company probably isn't a favorite job of a lot of people, but it's the only job that's there. It's the only job that they can get benefits from. And I have found out recently that they have had very, very little turnover. They have employed about 100 people. When I was at the economic development meeting several weeks ago, they're looking to expand again. And this expansion will either be in Ord, possibly Albion, or maybe Central City. So they have had definite results of employment in my small rural communities. And hoping that they will also continue to expand in my area. And I would turn the time back to Pam.

SPEAKER BROMM PRESIDING

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. President. The point that we have to remember is that if we are going to have decision points that benefit the state, and especially that benefit smaller communities in the state, you know, Omaha has been in the very fortunate position of having a fairly dynamic economy. And I believe part of that is because of economic development incentives. I think part of it is because we have a business community that...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR BROWN: ...continues to promote that sort of thing. But our decision today has to be about what's good for the whole state of Nebraska. And I think that if you look at Columbus, if you look at North Platte, if you look at DeWitt, if you look at Ord, if you look at what can happen when there is a reason for businesses to make an economic decision that benefits the entire state by virtue of creating jobs where those jobs would not