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review all prospective changes and see if they are in fact for the better. I heard Senator Hartnett yesterday say that this, LB 775, was brought to the committee under pressure at that time. They were facing the possibility of losing a major business in the state, and so they went forward with a program for economic incentives. Now, many of the things that we do that are good we do under pressure. In fact, probably had that not occurred, Nebraska would not have gone forward with an incentive program that has, I think, left us in a very good condition considering our state circumstances. Because, you know, we have really progressed quite well. And we're having a lot of problems with loss of population in the central and western part of the state. Fortunately, we have a very vibrant community in the eastern part of the state. We need to look at the whole state and see if we can make incentives work for the whole state. The...this law, LB 775, I think is one of the most misunderstood laws in the state, and it's certainly very easy to characterize as corporate welfare. But I think the question is whether or not we are...we have good parts and we have bad parts, and the problem is, do the good parts outweigh the bad parts. I believe that they do, but I think we can improve those. And that's what we're here to discuss, is how to make this law better. But I think it's important to see what this law does and what it has done. I'm speaking now from the standpoint that I have seen how it does work, how effective it can be, and what the beneficial results are. In North Platte, we had pretty much had a problem with economic development and one of the reasons for that, I think, was the fact that the Union Pacific Railroad is a huge employer in that area, and they pay very, very good salaries. And so it's been rather hard to bring in new businesses, because of the nature of the salaries paid by the Union Pacific. I'm sure there are other reasons. But we do have a very forward-looking economic development corporation in North Platte. We have an excellent director of that. And they have been proceeding to try to achieve economic development for our community. And in the year 2001 they were aware of the fact that the Wal-Mart Distribution Center was considering a location. And the location was possibly in a number of states, and North Platte got into the discussion with them as possibly to be one of those locations. It boiled down in the end to be between Pueblo, Colorado, and East Denver, and