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more reporting, and maybe some minimum wage requirements. But I can't tell you the number of times I've heard constituents say, if we got rid of the corporate welfare, we'd balance the budget; the budget would just be balanced. And I ask them, if we eliminated LB 775 today, no new companies coming on, how would there be one red cent more in our treasury? And they really don't have an answer for that. But the next response that they would give is, well, all of the benefits go to Lincoln and Omaha. And I would tell them that, yes, a majority...not a majority, but an awful lot of them do go to the larger areas. But we need Lincoln and Omaha and the metropolitan areas to be successful also. So in rural Nebraska that money comes out, and it helps fund our state aid to schools, and we do need success in the cities. But the main concern I probably have in this bill.. and I'm going to support the amendment at this point...but the elimination of LB 270. And that's one of the main economic tools for rural Nebraska, small-town Nebraska. And we have to watch and make sure that at least on Select File, that we come up with an amendment that there is more of a rural tier put into this bill. And if there is a rural tier, hopefully I'll be able to go on supporting this bill the rest of the way through. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Cunningham. Senator Mines.

SENATOR MINES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, let me thank Senator Landis for bringing this bill forward, and specifically discussion on "the rest," and more importantly on LB 270. I think Senator Brown pretty much nailed the focus of LB 270. It's a statewide incentive program, not just for urban Nebraska, and it does expand out to rural Nebraska. In 1987, I didn't serve in this Legislature, but I was involved in business at the local level, and involved heavily in local economic development. And I found that LB 270 specifically does work. It creates jobs. It creates investment, created investment in my district. And in fact, since 1988, \$1.49 billion of investment have been credited directly to LB 270. In 2002 alone, \$101 million have been processed as a direct result of investment credits on LB 270. And just as an example, since this program started, more than 27,000 jobs or full-time equivalent jobs...they're still jobs...have been created. But I