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think what we as a body need to be clear about is, what does LB 270 really do, and how do businesses apply for this incentive? It's the only small business incentive that we've got that works. First of all, there's no application form. It doesn't cost anything to apply for LB 270 investment credits. Businesses must, number one, invest \$75,000, and create at least two jobs. Now, I can tell you, in rural Nebraska, in many of the small towns that I've seen, first of all, \$75,000 is a significant investment, and secondly, two jobs are significant to many of these communities. And what do these companies get in return for their \$75,000 investment and two jobs? They receive \$1,500 for each job, and \$1,000 for the \$75,000 investment. And there are criteria on who can apply. And of course, these businesses have to maintain those jobs for a period of at least two years. I would propose that many of those 27,000 jobs or full-time equivalent jobs are still in place. These jobs still, and these people still pay income tax, they still feed their families, they still spend money in Nebraska. And I think that's important. It's tough to quantify what...we can quantify what we've created, but we can't quantify the long-term effect of a bill like LB 270. And it's important to note that these jobs do remain vital and important to Nebraska. So I will not support the amendment. LB 270 is important to Nebraska. It's important to my district. It's important specifically for districts in greater Nebraska. And I do stand in opposition to the amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. It seems as though somebody must have been listening out there about LB 270. The previous couple of speakers have also spoken toward LB 270, and I also will address that. I had a Tuesday morning phone conference call back to my district. And people are saying, what are you doing taking LB 270 out of the bill; we've been using that. And looking at the map that was provided to the report to us last night, sure enough, people out in my district have been using it. I was not aware of it, that it had been used to that extent. But I'm going to support the amendment, with the agreement that we do lower the threshold in a following