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we require here in the Legislature a great deal of disclosure on a lot of bills. And we receive a lot of that. And how many of you receive these thick packets, and you look at them and initial them and file them back. But we receive a lot of information. Are we using what we receive? With that, I'll give the remainder of my time to Senator Brashear.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. And thank you, Senator Jensen. I appreciate the opportunity. This is the time when, in my mind, I'd like to lay out what it is that we do know about LB 775, as I understand it, from the public record, so that we then can determine what it is that we so desperately need more of. Because I keep hearing, and I've heard over the years, as Senator Landis and I both talked about it yesterday, the folklore is, we just don't know what's going on, we just don't know what's going on, we don't know what's going on. But we do. We've had \$3.2 billion of investment in publishing, communications, information, and data processing; \$2.7 billion of investment in railroads, trucking, air transportation, and warehousing; \$2.5 billion of investment in banking, securities, and insurance industry; \$2.3 billion of investment in food and meat products manufacturing; \$2 billion of investment in printing, paper, chemical, plastics, rubber, and other nondurable manufacturing; and \$1.7 billion of investment in machinery, electronics, computer, and other miscellaneous manufacturing. So those are things we do know. And we also know that with regard to these full-time equivalents, which is the uniform, standard, correct way to absolutely and certainly measure the growth in what we've done, we have 16,232 full-time equivalencies in food and meat production; we have 12,652 full-time equivalencies in banking, securities, and insurance; we have 12,350 full-time equivalencies in engineering, management, scientific, and repair services; we have 9,969 full-time equivalencies in machinery, electronics, computer, and other miscellaneous manufacturing; we have 5,463 full-time equivalencies with regard to railroads, trucking, air transportation and warehousing; we have 5,022 full-time equivalencies in printing, paper, chemical, plastics, rubber, and nondurable manufacturing; we have 4,352 full-time