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And I'll read you some of these, and the dollar amounts that were given to communities: \$250,000 were given to the Memorial Community Hospital in Blair; \$50,000 to the Blair Rescue Squad for a new ambulance; \$50,000 for Nebraska Groundwater Guardian Foundation; \$35,000 to the Blair Family YMCA for a new building; \$25,000 for St. Anthony's Hospital in O'Neill; \$25,000 for Boone County Community Hospital; \$25,000 for the Burt-Washington Counties drainage project; \$25,000, University of Nebraska-Omaha, American Indian Tribal Scholarships; \$20,000 to the Washington County Recycle Association for a new facility; \$20,000 to the St. Vincent de Paul Homeless Shelter in Blair; \$20,000 to the PeaceMobile, Incorporated, to teach children peacemaking skills, in Blair; also \$15,000 was given to the Bradshaw Rural Fire District for a new truck; and \$15,000 to the Schuyler grade school for expansion of two new classrooms. I think this is a very important thing. On the surface, a lot of people don't realize what these companies are doing for the area and the communities. We kind of take that for granted. But it's very important that we maintain and keep these packing plants in Nebraska. Nebraska, we're agriculture, we're a livestock feeding industry, and we need to add value to that. So that's all of my comments. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Senator Combs, followed by Senator Brashear.

SENATOR COMBS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. Again, I know that you know...most people here know that I do work in meatpacking, been in it for seven years. I work in management at meatpacking. And Senator Landis is correct in some of his comments about some of our brother meat packers. I don't want to discount what he is saying there. However, underneath that broad paintbrush, there's a few strips of masking tape. And that's what I want to talk about in my time here. Farmland, in Crete, Nebraska, is a piece of masking tape under that broad brush. In August of 1999, the Farmland Foods Crete facility was short 192 employees for current positions. We wanted to add 145 additional positions, but we could not find the employee base we needed. This was a total of 337 possible positions and jobs that we were going to add. And I was part of that Project 300, is what we called it. I was...I worked real