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Repeating what I opened with, we've been down this road with higher wages and so on with the Rural Economic Development Act. Never used, not once. And continually, the feedback is, we had too high of expectations of wages in rural Nebraska. Companies didn't have to pay those out there. People were willing to work. And there are good...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR BAKER: ...productive people out there that show up and work. That's one of the things I just continually marvel at in our own business is, we don't have people not show up for work. They're there. And we pay them what we feel is a good wage. They are willing to work for it. And if there's a, you know, consideration of higher wages, they come to us, and we may adjust wages. We continually do that. And benefits, and so on. So I'm going to support Senator Pederson's amendment, because I think it will work in reality. As a businessman out there, it will work. Without the Pederson amendment, I think we're opening up a tremendous amount of problems with the health insurance issue and the fact that we've been there and done that with rural economic opportunities and it didn't...was never used, not once. And I don't think we need to go back and visit that again. Thank you.

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

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. Been interesting listening to the conversation about rural and urban Nebraska. Well, it seems to me, whether you're in rural Nebraska or urban Nebraska that a heart bypass operation is the same. It's the same procedure whether you live in Ogallala or you live in Omaha, and the cost is about the same. Health costs are high. Of course, there are a lot of things that can be repaired now. Forty years ago, if you had a bad heart, you were a dead duck. Now it's different, thank goodness, or I wouldn't be here. Well, that's probably debatable also. But anyway, you know, and it's not only medical costs. Rent in...maybe I'm not rural, but I kind of like to think I am. Rent is about the same in my county as it is in...closer to Lancaster County or Douglas County. Cost of