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you get to Offutt and you can't get off it. Offutt Air Force is in my district. We have a lot of the military stay in this state. And maybe the high taxes is a concern of them. But I think the reason that they stay is because they get services, not from the state, but get services from the federal government, the hospitalization service, a commissary services. And so I see, from my perspective in the cul de sac that I live in, most of the people in my area are retired military. They could move anyplace in the world. In fact, most of them come from some other place. But they stayed in Nebraska because I think we have good schools, we have... you know, maybe we have higher taxes and so forth. So I see something completely different, that they do stay in this state. And they... a lot of them change from the blue uniform of the Air Force to the business blue. But I see a lot of retirement. Because I... one of the things, I go down to the downtown coffee, like Senator Jensen, and I ask people, where did you... where were you born, where did you grow up at? New York, some other state, but they'd like... or California. They don't want to go back to the rat race of a big area. So you know, it's... taxes is one of the things, I think; the good life in Nebraska is another. So I'd return my time to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Don Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you, Mr. President. This is a rather far-ranging discussion. We're talking about general economics, we're talking about estate taxes generally, we're talking about economic impact on the state of Nebraska. And I would say that I've done a lot of estate planning, and what Senator Brashear is saying is absolutely correct. There are ways in which these things can be done, by way of intelligently planning your estate. We kind of have this problem immediately. The immediacy of this problem is that we receive, according to the information that I've been given, about \$17 million a year from this particular form of taxation. That's pretty hard under our economic crunch to be discussing doing anything different with that at this moment. But I think in the long run, we need to do a better job of planning our economic situation in the state of Nebraska. I think structurally we have some very deep