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opportunities for our young people when they graduate from our colleges and universities, we're going to see dramatic changes. Now, I believe, is the time that we can do that. I visited over the weekend with some friends of mine who are in the manufacturing sector. They're not in the sector. They sell products. And they said, in the last 90 days, they've seen...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR JENSEN: ...a dramatic change and turnaround in businesses that are looking and talking about expanding in manufacturing, something that we haven't had in this state in some time. So I believe that this is perfect timing for LB 312 to come up with a package that would make it attractive for manufacturing business to locate here in this state. Along with that, removing that sales tax on manufactured equipment, again, is going to go a long way. And those companies who are interested in manufacturing I think could be drawn to the great work ethic that we have in this state, which I would match against any state in the 50 states of the United States. We do have a great work ethic in this state. We have some great people that are willing to work. And I think it's up to us to provide opportunities for them to work,...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Time.

SENATOR JENSEN: ...to be educated, to raise their families. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Landis, you are next to speak on the motion to bracket. Senator Landis. Senator Baker, you're next.

SENATOR BAKER: Okay. I thank you, Senator Schimek and members. I would be glad to speak. I'm going to repeat a bit of what I said when Senator Landis had yield time. This, to me, is a rural-focused bill. Although it's certainly going to benefit the metropolitan areas, I want to stress that the Governor has made...I'm sorry. Senator Landis is back. Okay. He was late. I might yield him a couple minutes of my time. How would that be? I'll be quick. I want to reiterate the importance to rural