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some comments also on what we've done with existing LB 775 projects out in our area. Obviously, the ethanol plant located in my district qualified at Valmont, Parker Hannifin, and a couple others out there, that do access LB 775 in rural Nebraska now. And I think I owe Senator Landis some time. I know I do. With that, I will yield the rest of the balance of my time to Senator Landis.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Schimek. I'm sorry, I was otherwise engaged at the time that you called on me. Thank you very much for doing so.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Landis, I plan to recognize you next.

SENATOR LANDIS: Oh, aren't you kind. Thank you. Let me give you a little bit of a taste of the marketplace that we're operating in, the current that catches us up with our little ship of state, as we float towards our ultimate outcome--success or oblivion, as it may be. We compete in a marketplace with...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...other states, and those states, then, in a national marketplace of the United States and the world economy. To our east--the reason I believe the Nebraska Navy exists, which is to defend us from a potential invasion from Iowa--in the event you were in Iowa, there's a new jobs credit, with a nonrefundable credit for the increase of the work force by at least 10 percent within the state. It's an income tax credit. There's a credit for qualifying capital expenditures in enterprise zones. There's a credit for qualifying capital expenditures dependent upon the numbers of new jobs. There's a credit for qualifying capital expenditures by businesses meeting specific requirements. There's a tax incentive program, funding for businesses creating high-quality jobs with new capital investment. There's a refund of state sales, service, and use taxes, paid to contractors during construction phases in enterprise zones. There's a refund of state sales, service and use tax...