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there, \$100 million, that's \$400, \$507...I'm sorry. It's about \$600 million of investment. So if you wanted the return of that, 2,500 jobs, \$600 million of investment. That's the bang side of the equation.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Further discussion? Senator Erdman, followed by Senator Mines.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President. About 3:45 I decided I should engage in or join in this conversation and 15 speakers later here we are. I'm sure Senator Landis remembers legislative history as well as anyone here, and there was a certain individual that offered a kill motion on his own bill and that actually succeeded, and I think he was more surprised than anyone else. But I'm sure Senator Landis has done his homework, and I'm going to rise in opposition to the bracket motion. You know, it's interesting to listen to the discussion on the economic incentive packages as if the package itself is some type of miracle or manna that falls from heaven. In reality, you have to have communities or leadership in order to be able to utilize them. And so it's not only a matter of the fact that we're going to put something or, hopefully, with the passage of LB 312 and some of the other proposals, we're going to give the tools, but we have people out there that know how to utilize them. And I look at a couple of the communities that I have in my legislative district and, you know, you kind of have to be progressive, and some of them have taken advantage of where they're at in location and others have had the opportunity to utilize the tools that were available. This specific example has done both. A city of Sidney example, was an aggressive community that in the late eighties and early nineties they were facing a lot of the similar problems that rural communities were facing. And yet, as you look back over the last ten years, they're actually one of those rural communities or rural counties that have actually grown in population. I don't know how many times I've heard our Speaker get up and rant and rave about how many of these communities in rural communities and counties are losing population, but this is a county that is actually gaining population, and I think that's a positive. In addition to gaining the population, they're actually gaining the number of nonfarm employment opportunities to the tune of about