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SENATOR STUHR: ...County we had a number of projects. Hughes Brothers, which has also been in that, in Seward, for a number of years, made a \$5 million investment and 30 jobs. One of the newest, Longview Fibre, from Seward, a \$7 million investment and 30 jobs. And I've had the opportunity to visit that new plant and they produce boxes, and I thought that's rather unique, but many industries do require boxes of all of the manufacturing parts and things that are made in this state, and so they can go to Seward, Nebraska, order their boxes, and have those mailed. So I do believe that there are a number of things in LB 312 that will strengthen our economy and also help employers compete with other states. With that, I conclude my remarks.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator. Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Baker, followed by Senator Landis.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. I'm going to go back over some of the figures, and I also want to keep focused on what our goal is here. We obviously want to pass LB 312 and we're not really considering the bracket motion all that seriously, but we want to pass LB 312 this session. We have, as part of the package that the Governor and his staff and a large group of senators has worked on, LB 90, and then the jobs training act also fits into this whole process. So we've got to maintain our focus here on what our overall goal is. Certainly this is the first component. Within that component of LB 312, though, I want to go back and sort of summarize what happened when the ethanol plant out at Trenton put a notice in the paper they were going to hire 35 people, and these jobs obviously have benefits and so on with them. There's some question some...that rises occasionally about whether we have the work force available in some of the smaller rural counties out there. With 35 jobs at the plant, had 250 applicants for those 35 jobs, and they ended up hiring people. The principals of the plant came to me. They were concerned at one time about that labor pool. Came to me and said, we hired a person with a