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the smaller communities are...the schools are getting down to the numbers where they're having to consolidate. So if we can generate jobs out there that bring students in, it also brings a lot of state aid to the schools by the number of students back into those communities. I think Central City put together a package of just what they was able to accomplish because of these industries. It was tremendous, the money generated by just economic development and incentives for new jobs to come in, new homes being built, new students into their school system. It's a tremendous impact and I think sometimes we just think about it's just helping the big company, the Union Pacific or somebody like that, but when you start thinking of all the jobs and all the income that that produces, that is where the investment pays off. With that, I guess I would close and give the balance of my time back to the Chair. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kremer. Senator Connealy, followed by Senator Howard.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I've been reading Thomas Friedman's, The New York Times columnist, book lately, The World is Flat, and while I don't know if I agree with all his premises, he does compare, you know, places, you know, Canton, Illinois, and Canton, China, and Bangor, Maine, with Bangalore, India, and what he's talking about is, in general, is using your natural assets and making sure that you fight for what you can do the best, and part of this bill, I think, really addresses that. We're talking about increasing the incentives for research and development, and I think that that is one area that Nebraska needs to continue to push for, that we need to make sure that we as Americans are, and Nebraskans in particular are, fighting for the best research and development and possible to keep us on the cutting edge. We're also looking at our strengths, and one of those strength areas for Nebraska, sitting right here in the middle of the country, is distribution. And so we're giving an emphasis to distribution centers, giving credit for their forklifts and their rails and things like that, so that that business is a targeted business for us. And so both changing so that we'd have more research, more science, and also looking at our