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emphatically that we have one of those companies moving into District 44. It's a trailer manufacturing company with not too many employees, but they're going to have to buy some equipment. And they're the company that said, whoa, what are we doing here with sales tax on business equipment and manufacturing equipment that way? So we can now address that, as of the 1st of January, with this. And I believe you said I had a minute a few seconds ago. I'm probably about out of time, so I'd return what little time I have left to Senator Janssen. Thank you.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Baker. Senator Kruse, your light is on next.

SENATOR KRUSE: Mr. President and members, thank you. Well, are we ever having a good time, and I didn't want to get left out of this, so here I am. For those who are watching this, you have to stand in line for 30 minutes to get on this train, so it's (laugh)...you better expect to have a good time. My problem is that I'm a preacher, and I don't have any idea how you would fill five, a whole five minutes. I can't do that, but I will have what I have to say. To be more serious about it, I don't have anything of news to this floor, but I would have something that would be of news to persons in my district. I recognize that if this bill were to be put up for a vote in my district, it would lose. And I think we need to confront that directly and understand that. I strongly support this bill. I supported the one before it. I am far more enthusiastic now than I was before, and part of that is because of a reason that the persons that I'm addressing should understand. Last year, in spite of efforts of many of us, there could be no floor on wages. And we were extremely grumpy, to use a polite word, when we had to give tax incentives to businesses that came in and put their...the children of their employees on Medicaid. So we were paying out of both ends. That was not fair. That was not right. But this bill changes a lot of that. There's other things that have been spoken to, but I am very appreciative of those who have brought that floor in and also made a tax incentive for increasing that amount. These are things that need to happen, not only in Omaha, but across the state, and I appreciate it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING