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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that chromosome is a business-oriented object. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Wehrbein, followed by Senator Flood.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I don't have a lot more to add to what I said earlier, except to...I think we need to recognize the spin-off that businesses bring into Nebraska, the larger businesses that come into Nebraska. And that's one of the things that I don't believe is mentioned or measured very well, but I do know that in areas, parts of the state, some counties and localities where they emphasize local family businesses, maybe there's larger businesses supporting the general economy in the area. But as...usually, as a result, there's a spin-off of all kinds of small operations, and specifically I'm thinking trucking, could be repair shops, service stations, retail stores, specialty shops. The list goes on and on, even eventually probably flower shops and those kinds of things as business picks up. So LB 775 has made many of us swallow hard over the years, and we've heard criticism of it, but we still have to go back to the fact that those anchor companies that have come in, the large ones particularly, and have used that and added jobs, provided a lot of extra activity, economic activity, in the areas and provided entrepreneurs, if you will, a chance to perform, to find a niche that they can serve, and act accordingly. And I think that, as a result, I've come to believe that LB 775 has its purpose; LB 312 continues that. It's still going to be useful for ethanol companies. It doesn't look like we're going to be doing a specific ethanol incentive, but we will have available in LB 312 an incentive for ethanol plants to expand or start new, if that's the case. So with that, I'll turn my chair back to the time, time back to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Flood, followed by Senator Combs.

SENATOR FLOOD: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I stand again to support LB 312, and I guess, in the bigger context, the entire series of bills that have been introduced in an effort to