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wanted to break this downward spiral of tax incentives, you'd do it with a compact between states, authorized by the federal government. Or you'd do it by a federal law that would not permit states to have those kinds of tax breaks. But without federal intervention, you cannot, as a state, escape this. Best you can do is, if you want to, you can have unilateral disarmament. But what I'm telling you, with flat population and largely flat growth, but for the years of tax incentives from the post-eighties, this would not be a particularly good strategy for Nebraska to follow. Unilateral disarmament would not be an effective strategy. We do not have an independent revenue source, such as the coal fields and uranium and the natural resources of Wyoming. If we're going to grow our base, we're going to have to import people, and we're going to have to grow business and economic opportunity. And for those of us who want better schools, and for those of us who want a more socially just society, it's just about the same perspective as those who are the most hidebound chamber of commerce, pull-the-ladder-up-behind-us types, as well. Because it ultimately comes to growing the state at the base--people who are productive workers yielding wages, salaries, and productive contributions to the state's revenue stream.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: Our demographics, at the moment, place Nebraska in a very hazardous situation. Our elderly population, high users of social services, high users of Medicaid, high users of healthcare, are extraordinarily large compared to the rest of the country, and our base is essentially fixed. This is a bad prescription. Growth is the one strategy that I think conservatives and liberals, Republicans and Democrats, urbans and rurals should be able to agree on, and this is a part of that agenda.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. You've heard the opening. Open for discussion on the motion to recommit to committee. Senator Synowiecki, followed by Senator Beutler.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members. Senator Landis, thank you. I don't know, necessarily, if we