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to ensure this operator's success. Now, there are 100 people who are the customer base for the ten of you. But don't fret. There are 13 people who from time to time will pass this operator's establishment, but they won't be there every day. So naturally, some of your customers are going to leave you and come to the big operator. And if they like what the big operator has enough, and, with the assistance from the crown, that operator will be able to undersell you, you ten may go out of business. But it doesn't really matter, because your customers will now be absorbed by the big operator. The commonwealth, or the realm, will suffer for a while, because the king is going to allow tribute not to be paid by that big operator. But the kingdom must go on, so the rest of you are going to have to kick in a little more money. And then ten who were in business, no longer are. They're on the dole instead of the tax roll. But that's just the way things go. If somebody wrote a fairy tale, they'd tell it in class, and George Will and these other people would latch onto that right away. But here in Nebraska, where it is supposed to be a conservative state, I hear all this ranting and raving when they want to give everything to business about the work ethic. The word "ethic" shouldn't even come out of the mouth of anybody on the floor of this Legislature who is on the wrong side of these issues. The work ethic. All right. These little outfits have exercised the work ethic. They have built a business. They have maintained and sustained that business through their work ethic. Now here comes somebody who doesn't need anything, and the state is going to give them something that gives them an advantage over...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...these others who made it through their work ethic. And now work ethic goes out the window, because they are to be crushed out. A different set of principles will now come into play. A different standard is going to be imposed. The rules of the game are not the same. Those were written with a pencil, and that pencil has a long eraser. And now the eraser is going to erase whatever applies that would affect this big shot the way it affected the little shots. And the little shots are not going to be benefited by the erasure, because the benefits given to the big shot are not going to be