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And it just seems to me that what happens when someone gets so big...and thank goodness they do. I mean, this...it's That's the American way. But what about the small towns--not only in the small towns, but in the cities also--where you have someone with an idea, and they work hard at it, and they try to make that grow, you know? Nobody is going to help them. If they've got a good product to sell, people will patronize them. But you get to the point where you're so darn big that you think, they can't get along without me. I'm going to make it tough. I'm going to play hardball. If I'm going to come into a community, by George, you're going to help me. You owe it to us. Not the way it works. I don't ask any quarter in my business. Senator Cunningham doesn't ask any quarter. Senator Stuthman, sure, he'd like to have some help in his feedlot. But you know, that's not...to me, that's not the American way. If you work hard in this country, you've got a chance to make it. But why do you need government help? Why do you have to take back something that you should be giving the state? Cabela's has given to this state. They have given jobs, they've made a name for themselves. People say, Cabela's, oh, that's in a town in Nebraska, isn't it? Sure, they're known all over the world. Enough of that, you know. Senator Chambers, you and I...you wanted to have a little conversation with me. Let's carry on a little dialogue. I don't know how much time I have left, but...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, about two, twenty-two.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Senator Janssen, what I had asked...what I was asking--and you answered that part of it--there is nothing in this bill to in any way compensate those businesses that are existing now which will be hurt by Cabela's. Is there...what will become of those businesses if they suffer economic damage as a result of the state helping Cabela's to set up there?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Well, Senator Chambers, if they're in the same business as Cabela's and they don't have anything else to offer other than what Cabela's do. Cabela's is a huge company.