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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, if in this situation the bill were to pass, and Cabela's would come where they want to be, and ran others out of business, that is something that the Legislature could anticipate happening, don't you think?

SENATOR JANSSEN: I would certainly think so, Senator Chambers. And the same thing has happened with communities. Senator Schrock and I were just talking about, he said, people will go right through Holdrege--Holdrege is a town of about 5,000 people--and they'll go to Kearney. And you know where they go in Kearney? They go to Walmart.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Walmart. Okay. Now, it would seem, the way things are actually shaking out in this state, that the Legislature tends to favor big businesses, because existing small businesses may actually be hurt by the benefits or incentives Nebraska will give to these big businesses. Would you agree with that?

SENATOR JANSSEN: I would agree with that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Janssen. And this bill is a concrete example of that. But my good friend Senator Connealy favors this bill. I would like to ask him a question, if he's willing to respond.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Connealy.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes, Mr. President.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Connealy, why do you favor this bill now? Because you said at another point, but I don't remember what you said.

SENATOR CONNEALY: I said that it's because it's a Nebraska company in competition with a Missouri company for the same kind of market. And I think that we'll draw people off the Interstate to put more activity here in eastern Nebraska.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, now, Senator Connealy, I heard that they were trying to make Elkhorn a part of Omaha. But I didn't