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will...Senator Schimek, I'd yield the rest of my time to Senator Engel. Thank you.

SENATOR ENGEL: Thank you very much, and I will...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you. Senator Engel.

SENATOR ENGEL: ...try to complete this. I was reading kind of fast here at the end so I could get done, but I didn't quite make it. But the job training would utilize the programs offered by postsecondary technical schools, community colleges, and other educational institutions, and the training would help reverse the troubling demographic trends we read about every day and have been discussed on this floor every year. As things stand now, it won't be long before the cost of Medicaid and education, the programs that support our older residents and our children, cost more than we can afford, so we have to create more jobs to grow our economy and our population. The state business community is joined by the Governor and the Nebraska Community College Association in supporting this measure, and also the state labor organizations. Investing in our workers is critical to Nebraska's future. We must provide opportunities for our children and our grandchildren. Again, we must protect Nebraska's positive reputation as having one of the best workforces in the nation. In closing, this is about the people of Nebraska. It's an investment in our future. Education and training is needed to help prepare the current and future workforce for the challenges of our rapidly changing, highly technical business environment. Since these dollars will help Nebraskans advance their careers, which in turn provides them with more economic opportunities for themselves and their families, the positive impact will be immeasurable. The rest of the economic package depends on this prong. New industry will not choose to locate here if the workers and training are not available. So this is very, very important. This is what companies are looking for. They're looking for people...states that have people who are willing to work, but they have to be trained workers because of the changing in our economies, in the type of industries that we try to bring in that have good paying jobs. So I urge your support for AM1567. Thank you, Madam President.