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ago, and I asked him, you know, would there be any reimbursement then from that company, who is needing that technical assistance and needing those workers? Now, you know, it could be anything from a...all right, a dog food factory where they blend and mix grains and animal by-products and so on. Would they need a chemist or something like that? Yeah, I was wondering if there would be any way that the employer could pick up part of that expense. I mean, it would be beneficiary...it would be beneficial to them having that person being trained and so on and so forth. Well, Senator Pederson said that there was...you know, I don't think any other state does that. But you know, that's food for thought also, that business could kick in something, because they are the ones that are going to be beneficial from the employee being trained for that particular job. That does concern me a little bit. Maybe that could be worked in. But I...basically, the idea of this...you know, I think it's a good idea. You know, here we are, kind of on the 11th hour, starting to look at this. But the bill did come through the Banking Committee. And I visited with Senator Mines a little bit about that. And it came out with one abstaining and one no vote. But I noticed the people who were there were Behlen Manufacturing, Nebraska Chamber of Commerce, Lincoln Chamber, Nebraska Bankers Association, Economic Development Association, Metropolitan Community Colleges, and so on, so forth. I...you know, here we are on...at practically, as I said, the 11th hour, discussing this. I wish it would have been a little bit earlier and we would have had time to look at it and get...orient ourselves a little bit better than that we are right now. So with that, I would give the rest of my time back to either Senator Engel or Senator Pederson, to allude on the fact that maybe we can have some reimbursement back from those employers who are going to be benefiting from this. So either one of you would like some of my time, I'd certainly give it to you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Which...Senator Pederson, you may.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you, Senator Janssen and Senator Cudaback. I think...we talk about 11th hour. I don't know. We only had the budget, what, last Thursday. Okay. And what was that, the 10th hour? Then this is the 11th hour. When did we