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of that plant. But I think that the picture that you have painted actually could occur. How likely it is, we don't know, but I would like to take some safeguards to make sure that it doesn't happen.

SENATOR RAIKES: What would your amendment do about a company that did this sort of thing, but kept the level of employment constant; didn't add any jobs, but also didn't lose any jobs?

SENATOR REDFIELD: They would not lose any credits at all under the amendment.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay. Thank you, Senator Redfield. This seems to me to be a reasonable modification of LB 312. I don't see that it makes any sense for the state to give tax credits to businesses which then use those businesses, or use those credits, even though they've reduced the number of jobs they offer in the state. And as I understand, from what Senator Redfield has said, that's what LB 312 could do now. So I support this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Further discussion? Senator Jensen, on the Redfield amendment.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I think we need to think about this, just for a little bit, in that we do have companies that certainly are not only located in Nebraska. And there are companies that...so not only are we vying for companies, but we're vying for jobs that are in Nebraska. And certainly, every company is constantly looking for ways that they can produce their product better, more efficient, and certainly, whether that be by robotics or what it might be, that in some cases it might be temporary, but then build right back up again with employees and with producing more product, which can have a trickle-down effect, everything from transportation to supplying of certain products from, certainly, nearby locations and nearby companies. So I think we need to be just a little cautious when we say that if, by efficiency, that some business might be able to trim down, on a temporary basis, certainly, that if they are in a state that is open for business and that is...where there is a good work