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tax breaks that you should, in fact, require exemplary performance. I don't think this is any way exemplary performance. More generally, I worry about--Senator Baker made the point, well, gosh, I don't want to penalize a company for having done this. Penalize. So not giving somebody a tax break is now a penalty? Whatever happened to businesses being in business because they're in a free enterprise, and they create jobs and they do their part in the economy, and they're not always there with their hand out, so that they don't have to pay their fair share of the cost of operating state or local government? This is an issue. A couple of things I leave you with. This is not exemplary performance. I think we should restrict tax incentives to exemplary performance. I think we ought to be concerned about the signal we send to the business community in Nebraska. In effect, we're saying that you folks are all welfare recipients. We don't expect you to do anything without a welfare check. And you should not even have to think about paying your fair share of the cost of government in Nebraska. That's completely beyond. I think that's the wrong message. And you do things like this, I don't see how you avoid sending that message. Again, I support this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Senator Connealy, on the Redfield amendment.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I just wanted to make a couple of points. This has worked in the past. I think it was initially put in place, in particular, for upgrading Goodyear here in Lincoln, and this tier has actually produced huge amounts of investment for Nebraska. I think that the average was a hundred...over \$162 million per project, so these are big investments. And while they don't produce jobs, they do produce highly efficient companies that stay, and that operate...they may not operate forever, but they do operate. And they are consumers of Nebraska products. There are food processing and ethanol facilities in Nebraska who I think will use this to expand or double production, thus, using more products and Nebraska energy and things like that, that will actually make their economies in the local communities better, even if they aren't producing a tremendous amount more jobs. I