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attractive places to go. If we do not make an adjustment for this kind of worker, the defense contractor will not be able to find them here. We have literally a hundred jobs, very high-wage jobs, going abegging until we can find the people to fill them. And to make that find we have to link people to those jobs, and we do it with this amendment. I would ask for the adoption of the committee amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. You've heard the opening on AM0863, offered by the Revenue Committee, Chairman Landis, Chairman, to LB 478. Open for discussion. Senator Brown, followed by Senator...

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members, I was a military kid. My father is from...was from a little town called Mullen. My mother was from a little town called Halsey. I lived in a different place every year from the time that I was born. I was born in San Antonio, Texas, and I lived a different place every year until I got to my...till I started junior high, sixth grade I guess was...and lived then in one place until we moved back to Nebraska. What I know about military personnel is that they can...they don't have the same connections to a place. Their connections are to the people that they work with, to their families if their families are in a place. Like, our family was Nebraska, so my connection was to Nebraska. But I don't think my parents ever intended to retire in Nebraska, although we owned land up in the Sandhills and at one point looked at buying a house there. My mother moved back here after my father died so that she could be closer to her family, but military personnel make decisions about where they're going to live on a lot of aesthetic reasons, places that they've been that they liked, they've served that they liked. They make decisions based on where the job opportunities are good and they make decisions based on taxes and where they can make their retirement go the furthest. And because they are people that have moved around a great deal, they know where the opportunities exist. We just...probably the most significant economic event in the state of Nebraska for the last 20 years was the decision of the Base Closing Commission and Offutt actually gaining some positions. A lot of the decision making of the Base Closing Commission revolves around the supportive