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as drafted. The question that is before us is whether in fact we want to develop a growing industry in Nebraska. I say growing because it's really very small. In fact, out of all of the 50 states, we rank 44th in the number of contracts that we have from this kind of defense contractor. So do we want to develop new industries? We talk about losing population. talk about losing jobs. We talk about losing our college graduates. And we have an opportunity here to open the doors to an entirely new industry for the state of Nebraska, and we can take the opportunity or we can let it go and let another state Now I think that when we're looking at the type of jobs that they provide, paying \$50,000, \$70,000, and over \$100,000 a year, that's very enticing to the citizens of the state of Nebraska. I was looking at the payroll for Offutt, and Military members on and off it was interesting. \$336 million a year. And yet, when you look at the spending on the base exchange and the commissary, it's only \$25 million. Where are they spending the rest of their money? They're spending it in Nebraska. They're spending it in our stores. They're spending it on homes that they're buying in other communities around the state. If you look at the demographics, you'll see that they're not all located on the base, they're not all located in Bellevue, they're not all located in Sarpy County. They are across the spectrum of this state and I think that they have served us well. Whether in fact we want to open the door to one type of retiree, I think that's an issue. talked about it in Revenue Committee, whether in fact it was fair to look at just forgiving the income tax burden for the military retirees and not look at the income tax burden on the retirees from our law enforcement, our firefighters, our teachers, our state workers, and a number of other people who have sacrificed for the citizens of Nebraska, and many of them have risked their lives as well. That becomes unaffordable when we start going down that line. But I do think that we can do what Senator Cornett is asking us to do, which is an economic development tool which actually brings us in dollars in income taxes before we ever forgive a dime of income taxes. The price and the time limit for earning this kind of security clearance means that we can't find these workers anywhere else but in the military. Do we want to go there or not? Well, I think we do. Because when you look at communities that have gotten into this