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that.

SENATOR CORNETT: Yes, very much so. This bill, besides affecting my district, is very important to me. I've put a lot of hours in on it. And while I don't agree 100 percent with everyone on the Revenue Committee, I look at this as a step, and maybe the first step that we can take towards helping the military and the state. But, yes, that is my ultimate goal, and I will be honest, that is to continue introducing this bill, as did Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. And...

SENATOR CORNETT: This amendment, though, I agreed to because there is an immediate need for it, and I agreed to support the Revenue Committee's amendment.

SENATOR SMITH: Well, I saw the cartoon here...

SENATOR CORNETT: Yes.

SENATOR SMITH: ...about brain drain and the graduates flying out of all of Nebraska, actually, not just Sarpy County.
(Laugh)

SENATOR CORNETT: It is out of all of Nebraska.

SENATOR SMITH: And so it's an issue across the state, and so that's why I'm a little resistant, shall we say, of the committee amendment being so narrowly focused and...I mean, you're getting a huge bang for your buck in Sarpy County. What do I tell the military retirees in the western end of the state who are 30 miles down the road from no state income tax whatsoever? That's what I offer the discussion, and so it's very difficult to explain to folks, you know, why the committee amendment was adopted, I mean, I can probably explain why, but in terms of the greater impact. And so that's why I, again, this is my third time to speak. I can't speak any more. I've refrained from filing amendments, so...not that others may not file amendments, I don't know. But again, I hope that you continue to work on this because I think we can do better things