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SENATOR LANDIS: Those kinds of companies who are paying that kind of money we want to have in Nebraska. And where they can find those employees, because the employees want to go to another state where they are tax-exempt--and by the way, in that table you saw that there were plenty of states like that--they can go there. In Nebraska, what this one says is, you know what? You can earn your way to total exemption. All you got to do is earn, like, \$80,000 a year and be paid for by a company who is located here, and then in case we'll give you the exemption. So the character of the...the factual characterization, which has not been in dispute and is not a revelation but is more graphically portrayed, I think is accurate, and that is, a groundskeeper employee who does not have a security clearance, but who works for one of these kinds of people, who is a retired military personnel, for money over \$40,000 will get a two-for-one tax exemption. And why do we do that? Because that's as close as we can get to getting to the defense contractors we most want to have come here, stay here, employ here, create high-paying jobs.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: And that's the way to do it. This is as close as we can do.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Cornett.

SENATOR CORNETT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the body. First, I want to rise in support of the Chambers amendment. I believe that it makes the language more clear, and I want to thank Senator Chambers. I know that he does not agree with the principles of this bill, but he's always shown a dedication in not allowing legislation to pass where wording isn't clear or could do more damage, even if he doesn't agree with it. I also have the definitions of security clearances and facility clearances that I'd be happy to show him off of the floor, and that way he could get an idea what we're talking about in regards to clearances for the facilities and clearances for the individuals and what the requirements for that are. Thank you.