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about an employer who has employees. And Senator Beutler has some interesting matters that he will raise in addition. This is not a simple area and this is not simply a step toward exempting all of the pensions received by former military people, and Nebraska should not do that unless they exempt from taxation the pensions of everybody of every description. I'd like to ask the Chairman of Revenue Committee a question, because I'm not sure about this and I don't want to go straying off. Maybe I should ask the Retirement Committee, but I can ask Senator Landis. Are...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Landis.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh...

SENATOR CUDABACK: I'm sorry, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That okay.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Landis, would you yield to a...

SENATOR LANDIS: Uh-huh.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are any pensions taxed in this state other than military pensions?

SENATOR LANDIS: All pensions are taxed in this state.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Then I can proceed. For my purposes, that answer is satisfactory. Why not exempt all of the pensions which anybody receives? Why not do that? The people who are getting their pensions work just as hard. And I heard when I was listening to the debate earlier that...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...the question had been made with reference to firefighters, police officers, and others. But that's not even given consideration. This is for one district in one county, and that's all, one discrete group which cannot, in my mind, be distinguished from others sufficiently to meet