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SENATOR BEUTLER: ...in '05-06. So again, maybe that ought to be taken into consideration, in terms of your revenue flows right now and what you're willing to commit to right now. Finally, let me simply suggest this. I think that the business incentives portion of this bill is the most important. Without an exemption for manufacturing equipment, the incentives we put in place last time and which took us through the nineties were tremendously effective. There's no reason why they couldn't be tremendously effective without doing anything to the sales tax on manufacturing equipment again. In terms of bringing business to Nebraska, I think the individual incentives directed towards individual businesses are far and away the most effective.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the opening on the motion to return LB 312 to Select File for a specific amendment. Open for discussion. Senator Raikes, followed by...I mean, Senator Baker, rather, followed by Senator Raikes. Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I sure wanted to be ahead of Senator Raikes. I have to be opposed to this motion to return to Select File. This is a big part of what the package is. And this deals with the business climate in the state of Nebraska. I have to remind you once again that Nebraska is one of, I think, a half a dozen states that taxes...puts sales tax on manufacturing and business equipment. And we also have personal property tax on top of that. It gives us a distinct competitive disadvantage when we're trying to recruit businesses to the state of Nebraska. And to delay this two years to implement this I think would be wrong. I think you're going to see an immediate response to this by increased location, expansion of jobs in Nebraska, because of this particular part of the LB 312 package. It has minimal impact the first fiscal year, because obviously, it does not take effect till January 1 of 2006. And I have to agree with Senator Beutler in a lot of what he said. We...and he...I think Senator Beutler is in the same group that I am, that's term-limited out