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LB 478

And that's all that I have. (Legislative Journal page 1765-1776.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Mr. Clerk, please inform the body where we were when we recessed for lunch.

CLERK: LB 478, on Select File. Senator Cornett had offered AM1690 as an amendment to the bill. (Legislative Journal page 1713.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. There were six lights on when we recessed. The lights remain on. We start off with Senator Kremer, followed by Senators Engel, Redfield, Chambers, Smith, Connealy, on the discussion of AM1690. Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I'm still trying to decide what to do on this bill. And I'd like to ask Senator Cornett a few questions, I guess, to maybe clarify some things.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Cornett, please.

SENATOR CORNETT: Yes, Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: I think you stated that there are about 100 or 120 jobs that are not being filled right now in this area of employment. Is that correct?

SENATOR CORNETT: That is 125 jobs, out of 9 of the 33 contractors in the state. It was 9 people that they surveyed. There's actually an...the number of open jobs is estimated to be quite a bit higher than that.

SENATOR KREMER: Okay. I'm not sure if you have this...these figures before you or not. But how many people are already employed that would be benefiting from this exemption, that will get an exemption, that are already employed, so it's not going to make any difference of attracting them?

SENATOR CORNETT: The fiscal note for the bill was based on the same number of defense contractors, 33, and the 520 retirees