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no other can qualify. It's why we have to pass legislation related to the classification of city. A metropolitan class city. Even though Omaha is the only one at the time, the class is open, because the requirements to become a metropolitan class city can be met, and then other metropolitan class cities will exist, and the law will apply to them equally. But if a law named Omaha, named Lincoln, they would be unconstitutional, as constituting a closed class. What we have here is a set of circumstances where similarly situated people are treated differently. Not for setting wages and hours. You're not saying, because these people do this work under these circumstances, they make so much per hour or so much salary, as opposed to somebody else. You're saying, the class of people you're dealing with are military retirees, and you're going to treat some of them differently if they get certain jobs. Now, not every job that this particular contractor has, or hires people for, deals with classified material. Two military retirees work here. One has classified clearance, or security clearance; the other doesn't. Here's where I want to ask Senator Cornett a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Cornett, would you reply?

SENATOR CORNETT: Yes, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Cornett, under your amendment, the only thing that the employee has to do is meet eligibility requirements for access to classified information. Isn't that true?

SENATOR CORNETT: That is the language that we had to use, due to the presidential order that I read this morning.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But the person does not have to be dealing with classified information, does he or she, under this language?

SENATOR CORNETT: Under the language, no. To be employed in the companies, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So it's not the work that's being done; it's