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state? Yes, there is. Would it be plausible to create for them the conditions by which they would have an attractive labor force? The answer is yes. On all scores, the cases that I've cited would say, if there's a plausible policy reason, we can draw those classifications. And that's the law of the land. Senator Chambers is right when he talks about what he's talked about. But it draws itself from the kind of policy that Senator Chambers is most interested in, where there are fundamental rights and the standard goes up, or a suspect class, like race, in which case the standard goes up. This is neither of those. And the underlying general policy is, is there...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...a rational...or, is there a plausible policy reason for the classification that is legit...that is related to a legitimate state interest? Growth of our economy...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...is a legitimate state interest. There's a plausible policy reason. This meets the equal protection clause,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...and this provision is constitutional.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Cornett, followed by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CORNETT: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise to support Senator Chambers' amendment. He has again shown that he is the master of linguistics. And it does make the amendment read more clearly. Thank you.

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

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, makes me think of Roberta Flack's song. (Singing) Killing me softly with her song.