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Senator Chambers, you are next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, Senator Cornett did point out that there could be a problem with the word "handles." And I agree with that. When I was writing the amendment, I didn't want to put a series of words, such as, handles, works with, or whatever else, but to indicate what the sense of the amendment is. And that sense is that whoever is going to get this boondoggle must actually be dealing with this kind of material. Maybe "deals with" is...but I'm...we'll have the opportunity to work our way through with that...through that. But the thrust of the amendment she does not find objectionable. I wish that she did. Because if this amendment were not on the bill, there would be arguments I could continue to make, which, with this amendment, I cannot. And I'll level with Senator Cornett--if she were not as agreeable as she is, I would not be taking time to try to write amendments like this. I would just be taking the time. I don't think this bill constitutes good tax policy. It sets a precedent which the Legislature is not prepared to follow through on. It is not even benefiting citizens of this state. I'm sorry Senator Redfield is gone. It's benefiting people who don't want to live in Nebraska. You're bribing them. Your state is so unattractive that the offer of a \$65,000 a year job...and that's the average. That's not the minimum. Some pay more. The offer of a \$65,000-plus job is not enough to lure them to your state. They think that...and you all are running around here trying to drag them here. Senator Redfield is back. She ought to be ashamed of herself. Here she's acknowledging that Nebraska has so little to offer that, while you're dipping once out of lucrative military pension, Senator Janssen, and somebody is going to offer you a job in excess of \$65,000, and that still is not enough to bring you to Nebraska. Your state has so little to offer. And Senator Redfield is stating that on the record. So the only way to bribe them--obviously, they can't get a job anywhere else--is to give them a tax break. If they can get a job someplace else, all these other places where it's better to get the job, everything about that other location is better, why don't they go on there? Because they're not going to get a job somewhere else. They can talk all they want to about how great these people are. Senator Janssen was in the military, and