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Washington County, Douglas County, and Sarpy County. Of the 430 jobs, we're talking a total economic impact of revenue to the state of \$27 million. The fiscal note on this bill is around \$500,000.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CORNETT: How you can say that spending \$500,000 to bring \$27 million into the economy...and that is just from these jobs; that does not include the spouses of these workers, the children that will attend our schools and choose to relocate here or settle. Nebraska has had almost a static population for 100 years. We need to grow, and we need to grow with young people. Our retired military average 42 years in age. They will never be a drain on our Medicaid system; they receive TRICARE. They are highly skilled workers that will do nothing but improve the state of Nebraska, as will their spouses and their children. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Cornett. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Cornett engaged in a bit of fallacious logic. She says Nebraska is one of five states which does not give an exemption of this kind, and Nebraska is near the bottom of those states which have contractor...have military contractors. That...there's no correlation there. It's like saying that I threw a rock into the river and there was a clap of thunder. Well, those two things may have happened in a sequence, where the rock hit the river before the thunder came, but because they happen near the same time doesn't mean that the rock in the river caused the thunder. There are many things which are coincidental. They happen at the same time, but there is no causal relationship between the two, no cause and effect. Senator Cornett is giving the same kind of argument that was given when Omaha came down here to sucker the state into a deal that would help them build this arena and convention center. And I fought against it tooth and nail, pointed out that it was hogwash. The senators, some of them still here now, went along with it. Now here comes Omaha back, saying, we're not getting