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enough money from the state. What we thought was going to work is not working. She can give you all of these rosy figures, and there is no assurance that that is going to pan out that way. She, nor anybody else, can establish that some of these people who have set up housekeeping in Nebraska are going to leave and quit the jobs they have if they don't get this exemption. Remember, this...failure to pass this bill does not take anybody's job from anybody. It does not do that. These people have these jobs. If a defense contractor thinks that Nebraska provides a friendly environment for his or her work that that contracting company is doing, Nebraska is where they will come. I told you all last year that Cabela's would build their plant regardless of what the Legislature did. I told you all, who are supposed to be the geniuses, that an outfit that large is going to do all of the work relative to the demographics, and determine if a plant there can make money. And when they've made that determination, the little bit that Nebraska will give them or not give them means nothing. And as a result, we did not pass that bill, because I stopped it. I stopped it. And Cabela is building anyway. And I'm the one who said that they'd build anyway. Then when the World-Herald wrote about them building anyway, as usual, they could not acknowledge what I had done or what I had said. And you know why I resent that? Not me, because there are significant things that happen in a state or a country's existence, and black people had an important role to play, and white reporters and white editors ignore it and will erase them. Then those who live in the future don't know what black people have done, and that's why they get this impression that black people have always been given handouts, everything of value is done by white people. Well, the white people wanted to give Cabela's that money, and I said, no, you will not give it to them, and I stopped it. This long editorial that the World-Herald wrote yesterday about the Jon Bruning-Judge Burns matter fails to acknowledge the role that a black man played in dealing with the Attorney General, in posing the questions when we had a hearing,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and the representative from that Accountability Commission was there. And I say again,