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think we should call it a defense contractor exemption and stop calling it a military exemption, because this really doesn't have anything to do with military. The exemption ends as soon as that job ends, and then that person goes back on his retirement with no tax benefit. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

SENATOR CORNETT: I agree with Senator Kopplin on the last statement that he made, that this bill is no longer necessarily a military exemption. It is an exemption for people working in the defense field. This is one of our fastest growing industries in the state of Nebraska, and while Senator Kopplin's numbers show that there will not be a significant benefit to the people, it is enough that they will stay. Other states have similar benefits to this. We were simply trying to make ourselves competitive. I have a statement from Michelle Pridell, formerly of the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce, who worked specifically in this area of recruitment for these businesses, because it is such a fast-growing field. They have numerous jobs that they are unable to fill, and the main reason the people state they are not staying in Nebraska is we do not offer them any type of an exemption of any kind. We need to support these industries because they do support the military, and if we do not have these industries we will face losing missions. I'm going to have...read a couple of statements from people that were retiring from the military and decided to leave Nebraska: My husband was heavily recruited by defense firms from all over the country. The tax incentives offered by other states were very attractive to us. If we had chosen Huntsville, Alabama, we could have bought a comparable house for tens of thousands of dollar less, had minimal property tax to boot, plus the exemption on their military taxation. If we chose Colorado, our chosen property taxes would be only a third of what we pay in Nebraska, plus we would have the incentive of a \$20,000 tax exemption on his retirement pay...or for the first \$20,000. They say...Senator Chambers has said people don't want to stay in Nebraska because of the climate in Nebraska, and he doesn't mean necessarily economic climate. He refers to Nebraska as being backward. These are people that like Nebraska. They have