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SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I have in my hand a report that was given to us by Senator Cornett. It actually talks about the BRAC 2005 closure and realignment impacts by state, and there was a recommendation there for Nebraska to be cut by 227 civilian jobs. Two hundred and twenty-seven jobs may not seem like a lot, but the trickle-down effect of any kind of loss in the Offutt arena certainly would have long-lasting impacts. Because if we cannot support the missions, we will lose more and more people, not only the civilian jobs but the military jobs as well. When we look at attracting business to Nebraska, we have spent a great deal of money in economic development, and we've actually brought in jobs that added to the pollution in our state. We've added people that were very costly in infrastructure, whether it meant that we had to build more schools, K-12 schools, whether we had to build more streets and other services at the city level. But this is not that type of a bill. This is a bill where we're talking about high-end jobs. We're talking about people who have retired. Their children are grown. They're not going to be adding to the burden on the school systems. We're talking about spouses who probably have professional degrees, who may contribute to our economy and add even more tax dollars to our economy. And we know the effect, as more and more people come in and the services they need, that this means that other businesses can grow and add employees. So I think it would be shortsighted if we looked at this as a cost. If you look at the fiscal note, you'd have to recognize the fact that we would have to have at least \$7 million in increased revenues in order for us...it to cost us that much. So I think the bill is a very good approach to growing this industry in the state of Nebraska. I hope that you will look at it very, very carefully. This is not a net loss for the state of Nebraska. This is a net gain, a very significant net gain for the state of Nebraska. These are exactly the kinds of jobs that will help our economy to grow and will put us on the map as having a high-technological work force and certainly make us more attractive to other companies as well. I hope you will seriously consider before you reject this out of hand, because the cost is net gain. Thank you.

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