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duty, but rather the type of job they may procure upon retirement; (4) the type of job they procure post-retirement, if contingent upon having a specified security clearance and performing specified duties for a private corporate, is a rational and fair basis for granting tax benefits to them which are denied to other veterans not similarly employed by a private corporation; (5) the state is as grateful to the non-elitist veterans for their honorable service as it is to the elitists, the needs of private corporations," Senator Redfield, Senator Brown, Senator Cornett, and others, "but the needs of private corporations must take precedence over the desirability of treating all veterans with the same generosity when tax benefits are to be bestowed by the state; (6) the state cannot afford the cost of granting the same benefits to all veterans who may be worthy of tax breaks, so the difficult decision must be made to set apart those elitist-veterans who provide a needed service to the private corporations which employ them; (7) non-elitist veterans and their families have a duty understand and agree with the decision of the state to advance the interests of certain categories of private corporations by doing what it can to provide acceptable, qualified workers to such private corporations; (8) the business of the state is business, and the nature of a job is sufficient justification to differentiate between and among veterans when to do so benefits private businesses; (9) veterans having the type of clearance specified in subsection (12) of section 77-2716 are, indeed, of a higher order than veterans who merely served honorably but did not procure or do not hold such a clearance; and (10) God should richly bless Nebraska, if not all of America, for this largesse bestowed upon elitist-veterans." This bill, in fact, says that some veterans are worthy and others are not, and the deciding factor is not that they all served honorably but there are private corporations who need them, and this Legislature is establishing as a policy the fact, as it would declare it to be, that some veterans are more worthy than others. And I put in there a requirement that the Legislature would seek to impose on the families of veterans who are left out. Senator Cornett had said earlier that probably nobody on the floor has these clearances. I listen to what people say. I handed out what Senator Engel had said as reflected in the transcript, and he did have these clearances when he got out of the military, so