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qualification. Thank you.

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

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members. Would Senator Chambers yield to a question?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, would you yield?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I will.

SENATOR BROWN: Thank you. Would you support the bill if it included an exemption for all veterans, as other states have done?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, and I've made that clear from the beginning, and in previous years.

SENATOR BROWN: So what you said about the inequities that are in your amendment is just to make those of us who support the bill look like we're unfeeling towards veterans; is that the point?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Brown, here's what needs to be looked at. Those who support this bill are taking an affirmative position. Their affirmative position does everything that I mentioned in my amendment. If nothing was being done for any veteran, or a bill was before us to do the same thing for all veterans, we would have an entirely different kind of discussion, because the kind of job they take in private industry would have no bearing whatsoever. So since this whole thing is premised on the value to these private companies, and therefore you carve out what I've referred to as an elite group of veterans, you are discounting the worthiness of other veterans to receive tax breaks from the state. That's my purpose.

SENATOR BROWN: Do you believe that all of these jobs would be created without incentives?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You mean the jobs that Senator Cornett has