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we haven't tried a commission that's had half senators and half stockholders, appointed both by the Executive Board and the Governor so everybody's working together, going the same direction. And when you sit down together with different segments of the economy and with senators who know the demands of state government, somehow or another we can come together then and realize that we're all in this together and we all need to do our part and we need to do it in a way that's beneficial to the whole state and that doesn't, you know, hinder one segment any more than the other. So other studies that have been done in the past have been beneficial. We've looked at them, and this commission is charged in this bill to continue to look at those studies and glean what they can from them, use them for a source of information. But by bringing stakeholders and senators together in this manner, just to sit down and talk about how we're doing and what direction we're going and where does this policy and that policy lead us, is it taking us where we want to go in the future, is it the right direction or is it the wrong direction, I think that's a very valuable thing to do, and that's what this is promoting. And like I said, I appreciate the support of my colleagues and those who have worked with me on this. And I guess I'll...that's all the time I need right now, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Burling. Any further discussion on FA542? Senator Chambers, there are no further lights on. The Chair recognizes you to close on FA542.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I believe Senator Burling said that it would be all right to strike lines 25 and 27, but I want to be sure.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Burling.

SENATOR BURLING: Yes. Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Burling, in our discussion I think you said that it wouldn't hurt anything to strike lines 25 through 27, which talks about the impact of changes in the fundamentals of the Nebraska economy, because on the very next page we talk about examining the demographic changes taking