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since 1996. And so if we're looking at the buying power of our citizens and we're asking ourselves how much the taxpayers want to ante up in supplemental tax dollars for rent subsidies, Medicaid, child support, and a number of other programs that are very, very costly and growing very quickly, I think we have to recognize the fact that the best way to solve the problem, the growing problem, is to empower people to pay their own way, and this is a step to empowering them to pay their own way. I think it's about personal responsibility, and people who are willing to work are trying to pay their own way. They're not laying at home and being lazy. They're not refusing to work. They're trying hard to make ends meet, and they're working maybe two or three or four jobs, and that's not uncommon in Nebraska. I have my daughter that just graduated last December, and she's sitting with a bachelor's degree in the state of Nebraska, and she's waiting to get a full-time job in her field. She's working full time and she's making more than \$5.15, but she's working--not a whole lot more--and she's working three other part-time jobs, just to support herself in an apartment, a minimal one-bedroom apartment. So that's how our citizens struggle to make ends meet. She is not drawing any support from the taxpayers. So let's help people that are trying to do that and pay their own way. Let's give them enough money when they do work to make it. If, in fact, businesses are all paying more than this now, this should not be an issue. Thank you.

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

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. I voted for the bill on General File, or I will. Senator Cunningham is exactly right. You know, I know that a child in a small town or a working adult in a small town should not be treated any differently than one that lives in Lincoln or Omaha. But the situations are completely different. Most of the young people that are employed in small towns get their start at the local grocery store or drug store or a variety store. That's their very first job. It used to be where these young people started on a farm in the summertime. But there are very few family farms any more. You take a drive out through the country and see how many homesteads there are. There are not very many.