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SENATOR SCHMIT: All right, yes, I will just speak very briefly. Senator Wesely and I visited with individuals of the Donnelley Corporation who are engaged in a certain amount of direct home activity here in the city. They are interested in moving another large part of their business to the city, and if they can get this amendment adopted, they will bring that additional payroll to the City of Lincoln. I discussed it with Senator Wesely. He took an interest in it. We developed the amendment and the Public Works Committee did adopt it. Now I understand that Senator Wesely has an amendment to the amendment which will narrow down the impact of the committee amendment and I would support the amendment and ask that it be adopted after Senator Wesely, of course, has explained it to you and I believe that that will remove some of the objection that Mr. McDonald had to the original amendment. I believe it makes a lot of sense. I think that in these days of high unemployment that essentially for additional income in the home it would be a mistake if we didn't adopt the amendment as proposed by Senator Wesely and then adopt the committee amendment. So at this time I will defer again to Senator Wesely.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Members of the Legislature, this amendment I think some of you I have discussed with you but essentially let me give you some background. The business that is before us is now owned by Donnelley Corporation but previously it had been owned by Jack Cole in the City of Lincoln and it was formed in 1951. It was sold to Donnelley in 1972, and for the past thirty plus years that this business has been in operation, it has used what are called "home workers" to help compile data lists for various activities. What they do is they provide them a telephone book, for instance, and then they provide them a list, a mailing list for instance, and take and compare those different lists in the home, and it involves other things similar to that but, essentially, it is work that can be done at your own pace, at your own home, at your leisure, and it provides added income. It is the sort of work that mothers that have children at home, they don't want to go out of the home to work, but they want some added income for their families, are quite able to do. It provides them with an income that they need very much and it is something that has gone on for thirty years. However, there was a complaint from one of those home workers recently and she wanted unemployment compensation coverage. When the Department of Labor looked into