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SENATOR WARNER: ...as difficult as it currently is. With that, Mr. President, I would be glad to answer questions on specific portions of the budget.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. Clerk, do you have an amendment to the bill?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp would move to amend the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Before Senator DeCamp begins, Senator Abboud would like to have us announce that in the North balcony are 30 fourth graders from Hitchcock Elementary School in Omaha. Miss Haworth and Miss Winterburn are their teachers. Would you please stand and be recognized. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, real simple, real soft sell, this adds \$125,000 to the Department of Economic Development for industrial development. As it was explained to me there were going to be seven offices that now exist that were going to be closed, Department of Economic Development spread throughout the state and I guess a number of the Senators and Chambers of Commerce and the various communities kind of raised blazes over that and when some of the people who were new in the Department of Economic Development got in there and learned what these officers were doing, then as I understand it, they decided they would keep four of them open. And I'm sure Senator Warner and others know these numbers all better than I do. But anyway, somewhere in the shuffling and juggling, and I could read this whole explanation which would kind of bore you I think, they figured they would need about another \$125,000 for this industrial development. What is industrial development? Theoretically and hopefully these are the people that bring new business into Nebraska and get people excited about coming here. It was offered and suggested to me that examples of some of their achievements and I hope that is true, I hope this was the cause where such places as Sundstrand in York, major manufacturing facility, some of the bigger entities that are in the state now that have come in supposedly came out of this program where we actually send representatives out to contact, Dunn and Bradstreet Companies, find out whether they are expanding, try to get them convinced to come here, bring them in here, this kind of thing. That is what the money would be used for. Kind of use your own judgment. I guess when they told me about this I thought this was a perfect thing because for example if we do the credit card thing and I don't know that we will or not but let's