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Task Force did. We worked very, very hard. There is a lot of people involved and I am sure many of you have talked to the people that are involved in business and industry in stating that this is something that we need very badly and it will create jobs. It will put Nebraska on the map for having a communication center that will be helpful to both business and state government and individuals as well because of the job creations. I urge the advancement of LB 1125.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Clark. We are discussing 1125.

SENATOR CLARK: I would like to ask Senator Labeledz a few questions if you don't mind.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Yes.

SENATOR CLARK: I notice here they assigned four duties to develop a data base containing information on communications and information for the industries. I thought we already had that. I mean that is what this is set up for out here, isn't it?

SENATOR LABEDZ: No, that is only with private industry. What we are trying to do, Senator Clark, is bring all that information from private industry into one central center and be able to use that for all new industry and the present industry we have now. Yes, it is private industry out there but they are getting together and giving all the information and data that we will need to have a Nebraska center of telecommunications and information.

SENATOR CLARK: What is going to make us a great communications industry? I really don't understand that. I mean all other states are putting eight, ten, fifteen million dollars in this and we are putting in \$470,000. I don't understand what we are trying to get at.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Well there are other states, for instance, a new project group in Connecticut invested \$172,000, Senator Clark, to help a private company start a business