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triangle that's somewhere in North Carolina, and so they're worried about these drug mergers. They are one day later, after the Smith, Kline - Glaxo Wellcome announcement of merger, they are already talking, within 24 hours, of how they remain competitive to keep those workers and to keep that technological research going on there. So everybody is addressing job creation and job growth and economic vitality, because those things are so essential.

SENATOR BEUTLER: But if year, after year, after year in Nebraska the benefits of the advantages gained by giving the incentives continues to accrue more and more to one sector of the population and not to the others, is that good for Nebraska?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Well, I...I don't, with all due respect, Senator Beutler, I don't accept your premise or your assumption, because at the same...while people have certainly increased their wealth, if you look at the huge increase in the payment of income tax, if you look at our very low rate of unemployment, our high employment figures, if you look at our average job cost or wage...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...and the fact that people are not being...certainly not broadly being employed at low wages, but the price of wages have risen, I think that's good for the totality of the economy.

SENATOR BEUTLER: But the price of wages for the bottom fifth of the population has not risen in terms of inflation, Senator, so how can you make that assertion?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I think in many cases that is an educational and training issue that we do need to address as a matter of public policy, because in fact we have jobs in Nebraska that we need those people for, if they could perform those jobs.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you. Senator Wickersham, if there's any time remaining that you would like, I would be glad to give it to you.