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contract. This is not a re...a renegotiation. This is a unilateral act by one party to rewrite a contract in its favor to the detriment of the other. And the unilateral act, or authority that is claimed, does not exist on the other side. Talk about disproportionate. This isn't a mere exercise in the taxing power. The surcharge would apply only to those companies who have obtained benefits under the incentive program. A company pays this tax only if it has entered into one of these binding agreements. The tax is simply a rewriting of the contract. It is, upon any careful examination, a deferral of benefits to a period longer than the state of Nebraska agreed. I suggest to you that in terms of our history, in terms of what we know LB 775, and these economic development incentives have been a part of, and in terms of pure law, statutory and case law and constitutional law, that it's appropriate that we support this bracket motion...

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...and that we send forth a signal that wherever there...wherever else in our state there may be some doubt about whether or not we mean what we say and say what we mean, support of this bracket motion on the floor of this Legislature will undo damage, which I personally believe has been done to our reputation, for whether or not we will make and keep our word. And I urge your support of the bracket motion. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Senator Jensen, please.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. Calvin Coolidge said, many years ago, the business of America is business. And I think we need to decide, in 19...or, excuse me, 2002, what Nebraska's business is going to be from this time on. And I have great concern about that. I was in the body when we decided to pull out of the low-level nuclear waste compact. And, matter of fact, I was in the minority because I voted not to pull out of that compact because I felt that we had entered into a contract. Now because of that we have attorney bills, attorney bills somewhere approaching, I