

last ten years. Electricity has increased, since 1970, over 330 percent. These are costs that are attached to the particular business and they are passed on to the consumer. Now Alexander Grant did this study on what businesses do...or what factors industry and manufacturers look to in coming to a particular state, or staying in a particular state. But let's look to our Governor. What does the Governor have to say about energy costs? What does the Governor have to say about attracting industry into the State of Nebraska? A study was done, by the Department of Economic Development in October of 1983 and it was published in January of 1984. In the introduction, which you are being handed out, they list a number of different factors in having industries and manufacturers come to the State of Nebraska. I'll just read it to you. It is underlined. It says positive business conditions, such as highly productive labor force, right to work laws and low cost energy. Then it goes on to list a couple of other factors there. It goes on to state that of great concern to most potential new companies is the support or lack of support exhibited by state government, as well as individual communities to already established manufacturers. So what I am saying to you today is that we've had studies that have been done, national studies that have listed energy costs as the primary factor for industry and manufacturers to come into the State of Nebraska. We have the Governor of the State of Nebraska, a particular agency, Department of Economic Development, saying that low energy costs are what we need to have industry and manufacturers come into our state as well as stay in the State of Nebraska. Senator Vard Johnson wants instances of where energy costs play a factor. These are instances. We have to create a proper business climate in order for industries to stay in the State of Nebraska as well as businesses to come into the state. I am going to point to a particular example in my particular district. We just had a new boxed beef plant that opened up off of Harry Anderson Boulevard. What this boxed beef plant...they had an open house that I went to last fall. This boxed beef plant, it is all mechanized, it has hooks and chains and machines and everything. It is going to employ somewhere around 150 people in my district.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR ABOUD: This plant is like one giant cooler. Everything in there is refrigerated. The offices aren't,