

but the plain facts are that the last few years we have had a multitude of directors and assistant directors and interim directors, many of them well-intentioned individuals, many of them knowing they had only a brief tenure, many of them knowing the Governor was not going to be there long enough to give them tenure, so it is pretty difficult for that individual to go out to a business or to an entity or to an industry and say, if you will do this, we will do this because there isn't any way you are going to follow up on it. I am always amazed when I hear people stand on this floor and talk about economic development because some of them who talk most eloquently about it in my opinion are not the kind of persons who by their votes on the floor encourage economic development. I have said it before and I will say it again, the best economic development you could have in the State of Nebraska is to have 300 head of cattle and a few hogs on most of the farms surrounding the small towns of this state. We have dissipated those numbers of livestock over the years. We have dissipated the farmers that used to handle them. As a result, the small towns have disappeared, the labor force has disappeared, and for the most part, we are not going to entice and bring to Nebraska that magic Saturn plant which all at once is going to bring us back into economic prosperity. It is a long, long road back. Ladies and gentlemen, there will be opportunities on this floor to do something about it. Do you know what is going to happen? It will be difficult to get 25 votes for those bills. What happens in 965 is not nearly as important, not nearly as important notwithstanding all of the rhetoric that has been expounded on it, notwithstanding all the letters you have got from the Chamber or Commerce, as what happens on a hundred other bills on this floor and, ladies and gentlemen, if you hide in the weeds on those bills, then whatever happens to 965 is immaterial. I suggest it has not worked in the past. I am not putting the blame on any one individual, but if it hasn't worked in the past, you just as well try something different in the future. Now somebody says the Governor will veto the bill in the present form, that is the Governor's responsibility. That is his opportunity. If enough of us have the courage of our conviction to override, that is the way the system works.

SPEAKER NICHOL: A fourth of a minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: If it doesn't, the bill goes down the tube