

cooperation of business, you have got a paper tiger. You don't have anything. You have zero. Because when you go to the business entities of this state, they are going to say, listen, you cut us out. You cut us out. You put a politician, and I am one and I am proud of it and I don't deny it, but you put a politician in charge and what have the politicians done? Well, I happened to like some of those Directors of Economic Development. One of them was a little shirttail relation of mine. I am not going to identify that person because I don't want to insult him, but the point is that we have not had a viable department because we did not have continuity, did not have identity, we did not have contact between business and industry and agriculture, and whenever we came up on this floor with an idea, there was something lost in the process. As a result, the department did not function. Now it is not just the fact that this happens to be economic development's turn to be the target. On some other given day we will choose the roads, we will choose public services, we will choose institutions. It just so happens this is their day in the barrel and they can live without it, without us. They will survive.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: But what is going to happen to the State of Nebraska, ladies and gentlemen? I think you know what is going to happen, continued deterioration, and one of these days the 49 of us will not be able to continue to hide behind the Governor or hide behind the Director of Economic Development and blame that one individual because there is not a consensus on this floor to take that kind of responsibility where we work together and come up with a solution. Probably going to pass 965 but, ladies and gentlemen, in the present form, you just as well leave it where it is at.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. May I introduce some visitors of Senator Rod Johnson. Under the south balcony, we have 6 seniors from Giltner, Nebraska and their sponsor. Would you please stand and be recognized. Thank you. Senator DeCamp, did you wish to speak?

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, Senator Schmit has been here two years longer than I but never has he spouted more nonsense in those 18 years he has been here than he just