

if you want to compare it to something, Senator Johnson, it would be the lawyer who has to win your case and give you something you never had anyway, and then you get a piece of the action. I think that is not a bad policy. And I would urge you to support the proposal.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you, Senator DeCamp. Senator Wesely, are you going to close? Very good. Senator Wesely closing on LB 1124.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I do appreciate the debate. I think Senator Johnson has been illuminating. I think Senator Warner was obviously conscientious, and Senator DeCamp was entertaining, and we all had a chance to hear a lot of different viewpoints. I can tell you that I support the bill and I have now since 1983 because among the different alternatives, in terms of tax incentives, this is the one that is most appealing to me. The other types of choices we have, as Senator DeCamp said, are not after the fact tax incentives. They occur, they provide an exemption here, or they provide this or that tax rate reduction, but you don't know what get for it. In this case you know you get jobs, you know you get investment, and you know you get people back to work because of this incentive. That is what we want to have, and that is what we are trying to create. Now if we have a cost of \$1 million to \$2 million, figure that out in terms of \$500 a job created, and \$500 for \$100,000 invested. That is a lot of investment and that is a lot of jobs to get up to that point. I think it is a long way off before we actually do reach it. We're probably talking more in line of a few hundred thousand dollars, at least the first few years, and we'll get up to a higher level as we create more jobs and create that climate that encourages business expansion and growth. There is a study that has shown that we have the 13th highest effective corporate income tax rate in the country. Now there are a number of offsets that might be involved in that. As far as the rate, though, we are 13th highest in effective rate on corporate income tax. Compared to other states, studies that I have access to would indicate that we have a real disincentive at this point with the corporate income tax. These other states also have this tax credit to compete against us on. It seems to me that we want to be competitive and that we need to have some sort of change. This incentive will help us compete with those neighboring states. It is estimated that as amended this