

process where one community can try and...and be forced, not try, they will be forced in the position of competing with the next one as to who can give away the most, it makes no sense and I hope this bill is indefinitely postponed.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Peterson, please.

SENATOR PETERSON: Mr. President and members, I rise to oppose the kill motion. I think a good example is in our rural areas. I handed out...I had handed out a letter from the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce and I think they hit it very well and I think this applies the same to the Grand Islands, the Hastings, the Scottsbluffs and Kearneys and Lexingtons in they are the same. Norfolk's industrial business leadership believes that legislative support of measures like this LB...LR 21 is vital to the economic survival of northeast Nebraska and to the other communities around our state. Most of the counties in the Norfolk trade area have consistently lost population in the last number of years. And Norfolk's prosperity depends upon the rural area and vice versa. Norfolk, for instance, creates a thousand...1500 jobs for outside Norfolk in the industries that are held by nonresidents and these are...a lot of them are farm families. I think this LR 21C ultimately offers communities an important tool to promote their survival. And the economic development competition is not, and I repeat, is not in the final analysis between Nebraska communities. I urge you to defeat the kill motion. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Vard Johnson, then Senator Smith.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I wanted to reinforce a point that Senator Wesely made and I want you to think about this as you think on the propriety of voting to kill the bill. The point that Senator Wesely made is this, and he made it very well, he said, if we give our cities and villages the ability to use tax dollars for private purposes, what we will see is a real competition in Nebraska among the cities and villages to give away taxes for private purposes. And I think the Norfolk situation is a very...the Norfolk, Columbus situation is a good example of that. How can a Columbus City Council, for example, justify not giving money to a new facility that would like to come to...that would like to come to Nebraska when the Norfolk City Council says, we will do it? If the Norfolk City Council says, we will give tax dollars to this company to come to Norfolk, the