

program is is whether it is funded or not, and what level of activity there ought to be in that area by the funding that is placed in it. I am a little...I can see where the practice will develop very quickly is that we will all have a bill with an A bill so we can get it over General File to Final Reading, and use it for some other purpose, and I would hope that those would give some thought to this before the next session, that maybe we are going to have to tighten up A bills. I have used them too, so I am criticizing myself. But I think we need to give some thought that we do not allow A bills to become a vehicle to circumvent the system as we have done, I have done, but, more importantly, if an agency says something is going to cost so much, and then they decide it doesn't, they had better have justification for having asked for it in the first place, and I would certainly look at any agency that came in and said they had to have more money, and then decided they didn't need to, and nothing changed. I'd be looking at their budget pretty tight...pretty closely that following year because, obviously, they have got some money they don't need that they can take on new duties with no expenditure.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Lindsay. Senator Hartnett, do you wish to speak again?

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah, I just...Senator Johnson asked me...Senator Rod Johnson asked me to say what the bill does. It actually helps distressed areas within the state, and I think we have identified North Omaha, the Counties of Blaine, Loup, Howard, Burt, Thurston, and Richardson Counties that would be eligible for the enterprise zone. And it simply is a measure that the Department of Economic Development would work with these agencies, if they make application to part of an enterprise zone. It is limited to three enterprise zones. Another part of the bill would simply recognize communities that lost 300 people...300 people from one employer, so it would help when those cities may become distressed, and that is really the basics of the bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: You have heard the closing on the advancement. We will now vote on the advancement of LB 1240. All those in favor vote aye...say aye. Opposed no. It is advanced. We will pass over LB 1240A because it is not a necessary bill. It is an empty bill at this point. We will pass over LB 1240A because it is an empty bill at this point. Senator Landis, I know you do have an amendment to it. I know what the amendment