

\$100,000 limit. One of those was done at Alpo Industries in my district. I believe the price tag on that was \$123,000. So that by including that intent language, well intentioned though it may be, I think we have limited the potential use of the \$1 million in training funds perhaps more than what we should as a body in the Legislature. So, with that, I would move the attachment of this amendment to 813. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the Coordsen-Crosby amendment. Senator Hannibal, followed by Senator Scofield.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Mr. Speaker and members...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Magic, you're out of order. Senator Hannibal, please.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: I can't top that. (Laughter.) I rise to oppose the amendment and try to give the members of the Legislature the reason behind why we placed a \$100,000 cap on a per project basis with this fund, this \$1 million fund that has been proposed. The purpose was very simple. The reasoning behind the placing of a cap of \$100,000 per project was one of trying to utilize the funds in the most diverse methods possible. It's a simple mathematic procedure of saying if you have a million dollars that is available for training and if you put a cap on \$100,000 per project, that you would then have enough money to do 10 projects. And presumably those 10 projects could be scattered throughout the state in as many different towns or districts as we could manage and, obviously, leaving that discretion up to the Department of Economic Development to make the determination as to which would be the highest priority which would be funded first. I would also point out that our intentions were to talk about a per project basis and not per company or per industry or per town and to allow a fairly broad interpretation by the department so that if you had a situation where one company, a major company, for example, was moving into the state or into a town and was looking for some help in training employees or prospective employees that that could be accomplished and it would not be restricted to \$100,000 per company but rather per project. So you could have one project in one town if they were setting up offices; you could have another project in another town, and we weren't trying to limit it per business or per industry or per town, that the reason why we did this was to try to send a signal to the Department of Economic Development that we would