

they're willing to do that, if they're willing to take a chance in that town, I think they deserve to have that right and I would urge that you support LR 11. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hartnett, please.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, I also rise to support LR 11CA. I think the thing we...and I think Senator Wesely talked about it, one of the things that we didn't do a couple of years ago is we didn't have enabling legislation and so this year we advanced out of Urban Affairs Committee, LB 1229, and what we tried to do with that bill is to really define what cities can use as far as for economic development and I think that whether it will help the David Citys and the Bellwoods, I don't know. I think maybe it will help the Bell...or the David Citys more than they would the Bellwoods that Senator Schmit talks about. But what we have tried to do is to put a very narrow focus that cities can use as far as for economic development, that it has to be approved by the city council, it has to go to the vote of the people, it's only for a specific project rather than very broad area and if there is any money left over in the project, it simply goes back to the...to the voters of the people as passed over the years. So it's...we try to, with LR CA (sic) and with LR...LB 1229 is to define both ends of it. That was a problem of a couple of years ago and only the funds from, with the amendment we adopted, only the funds from sales and income tax can, or sales and property tax can be used for these projects, for these specific projects. So I think it is a good plan and I think, like Senator Schellpeper said, some of the communities in the state, smaller communities, are more active in trying to attract...attract industry and I think that we should let them, the city council and the voters vote on it and decide if this is a worthwhile project to use their money for. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Morrissey, please.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes, Mr. President and members, thank you. I rise in support of LR 11. Going around the state this summer on rural revitalization committee hearings, one of the...not one of the, the biggest problem was access to funding that these smaller communities had. Over and over we heard that, access to funding. I think 11, LR 11 would give them the access if approved by the voters. If they can convince their constituency that this is something that will be helpful, then they can