

think it was 1972, we passed a law or passed it and that was declared unconstitutional in... later in the 1970s. And I think that cities and other places it's not... it's done more through regulatory policy rather than a constitutional, and I think in other places it's pretty wide open. Cities can do lots of things, I think. I've been told by someone who knows a little bit more about it like in Kansas they could buy land for a plant and so forth. I think the difference here is I think with the enabling legislation that we advanced is that it would have to be a vote of the people. The city council would have to present a plan, would have to go to the vote of the people of how much money is this project going. So I think that it's a different ball... it's a different playing field simply because of our restrictions on our Constitution we have in this state and I think that's what this... why we're trying to do the LR 11, is to do away with the constitutional restrictions that we have right now based upon a Supreme Court case back in the 1970s.

SENATOR WESELY: But you don't have any particular documentation from the studies you've done or anything particular...

SENATOR HARTNETT: I guess we did not look at... we did not look outside the area. I think there has been a national council, development council. But I think from what I can... talking to some people, Senator Wesely, I think it's pretty open what they can do in each of the different states. I think an example was given be in Kansas. They can go... they can buy land. You know, like Hutchinson, Kansas, can buy land and so forth. So it's mostly with... they have to go through the... probably through the Department of Economic Development, but it's not restrictive in our Constitution like we have here.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay, now ability to buy land, there is also, of course, the ability to have tax exemptions at the local level and there's been a lot of push on (inaudible).

SENATOR HARTNETT: That will not... that's not in this.

SENATOR WESELY: Right, and that's what I was wondering about.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah. No, that... I would be against that.

SENATOR WESELY: Right.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Senator Wesely, yeah.