

SENATOR WESELY: But this would allow for purchase of land as these other states do and...

SENATOR HARTNETT: If it is approved, if that's, the project, is approved by the voters, say, of a community. It's up to the voters of the people... the people of the community. A plan is presented, has to pass the city council, and then it goes to the... a vote of the people and the people making the decision as this and then they have an economic development project from that.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Well, I think...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Scofield.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: ..I think, Senator Wesely, I think the important point here has already been made and that is, is we are the only state that don't have... does not labor under the.... I'm still not saying that right. We are the only state that labors under the constitutional restrictions that other states have and, coming from a part of the state that very much competes more with communities in South Dakota, communities in Colorado, communities in Wyoming, there are a good number of activities in addition to being able to acquire land that make a big difference. We have, for instance, manufacture... a manufacturer in my area that has as an objective to become, once again, a major saddle manufacturer in this state. That business was pretty much taken away from this area some years ago. So there's training opportunities that other states may be able to offer that we cannot offer, and you perhaps have done enough work with some of the efforts, too. I don't know how much effort you've actually been involved in in trying to bring economic development into your own community. I have recently been involved in some with my own. And a lot of times it doesn't take very much to bring a small manufacturer, some small activity, into your community that frankly is going to make the difference between whether that community strengthens its tax base or weakens it. And so we simply are removing a barrier here that other states don't have to labor under. The other argument that continually surfaces here is the thing about competition between communities. Whether we do this or not isn't going to change, in my opinion, the circumstances of competition between communities within this state. That will continue at its current rigorous pace. In fact, one of the