

ask that you defeat the kill motion and advance the bill. Thank you.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Senator Schellpeper, please; followed by Senators Wesely and Hefner.

**SENATOR SCHELLPEPER:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If you will look back when we had the New Horizons program, one of the recommendations that they made was that we allow the communities to do this and I think that's very important because the city officials out there saw this as a very important tool to use to attract industry to our towns. And no town has to use this unless they want to. All we're doing is allowing them the authority to do this. The local voters are the people that will have the authority to say we want to use tax dollars or we don't want to use tax dollars. LB 775 did not have that. This measure will allow the local voters the right to make that decision. I think that's very important and I think we need to defeat this kill motion. Thank you.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Senator Wesely, please.

**SENATOR WESELY:** Thank you. Briefly again, Mr. Speaker, I appreciate Senator Hartnett and Senator Scofield's attempt to answer my questions. I still feel we're dealing with a very vague area here. I know it's not always easy to know what we're talking about in terms of what other states are doing, but this is truly a bill aimed at competition with other states. We're dealing with our border states. We're dealing with other states. The whole argument has been that we need to have the tools that other states have and yet the vagueness of the responses has me still concerned about what exactly it is that they've got that we don't have. What exactly do we have that they don't have? What is the competition we're in and is this, in fact, the sort of thing we have to have? I would think that at this point in discussing this issue we'd have a little clearer information, a little more documentation of exactly the circumstance. When we dealt with the ConAgra situation with LB 775, they had the study of where we stood with other states. They talked about the income tax, the comparisons, the different advantages that they had in this state versus another state, and we got into a bidding war, essentially, with other states over that matter, but we at least knew what other states were doing. Here, we're in a bidding war that we don't even know what... who we're exactly bidding against, against what sort of odds. And