

and Lincoln, metropolitan and primary class cities, a cap of \$3 million per year. That is only per year, so they can do it for five years or a longer period of time, whatever they specify in their original type of thing. And the one million dollars is, up to \$1 million for the other class cities and villages, so the only one, if you look at the chart, you run out of cities very fast that can go up. They would be limited by the cap. There are a few cities like my own would be able to raise 2 million, about 2,800...\$2,800,000, but the committee felt that this was enough. Then they could do it over a longer period of time if they felt that way, and I guess, realistically, this bill is for all cities in the state but I really see it being used by the cities out in greater Nebraska, outstate, whatever we want to call the Columbuses, the Norfolks, much more than the city that Senator Beutler represents, even the city that I represent, even though we are a class city. I do not see this being used very much as an economic development program. So I simply think that, the committee felt that the cap was a good way to limit, and with that, I simply oppose this Beutler amendment.

**PRESIDENT MOUL:** Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Is there anyone else who wishes to debate this amendment? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Beutler?

**SENATOR BEUTLER:** Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, once again what this amendment would do would be to eliminate one of the two caps, and leave it to the vote of the people in each community as to how much money, basically, they wanted to put into their economic development program. It would leave it to the vote of the people. The problem that I have with the second cap that is being eliminated is simply that I believe it will work to create competitions between the cities of Omaha and Lincoln and other communities, and that is not what we want to do with this bill. As I understand it, what we want to do is create incentives to bring industry in from other states, not to steal from one another. And when you put a cap of one size on one community, and then limit the caps of the communities that they are competing with, I think that you will find that there will be an effect that they will compete against each other for industry instead of competing for industry from out of state, and that is why I think it is important to adopt the amendment.

**PRESIDENT MOUL:** Thank you, Senator Beutler. We will now vote on the Beutler amendment. All those in favor please vote aye,