

SENATOR HARTNETT: I oppose this part of the amendment. I think we need...I think there are two reasons, Senator Hall, one is I talked about the federal...federal part of it that we may be...that you need something...different types of tax credit if we qualify and if Congress funds it. And I agree with you that maybe Congress will not get around to doing this for a period of time. But the other part is that I think we have to attract businesses into that area, into the area that make up the enterprise zone, the depressed area, the area with poverty, with declining population, high population...high unemployment. We simply have to do that and so I think we have to give them more incentive to do that and that's simply what we do. You simply cannot in an area...in an area of Omaha that would make up the enterprise zone in Omaha with simply a building you can't get business people to move in there simply because they can move someplace else and so I think you've got to give them more credit for that particular area than than you...than you do if it's credit under LB 270 in some other place of the area. We're...we're talking about Omaha but we're also talking about other...other places as on my sheet that I passed out there are counties, Blaine, Loup, Howard, Burt, Thurston and Richardson County would also qualify to try to attract businesses into those areas. And so you simply need more incentive to attract people into these types of enterprise zones, into an area that is designated as an enterprise zone and I think the area is probably north Omaha and we simply need a bigger...we need something bigger than the credits in LB 270. So, with that, I would rise...I simply oppose this amendment, part of the question, I guess.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Morrissey, do you wish to address this section?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Madam President, and members, and there is not much more I can say than what Senator Hartnett has said. I've been trying to support and stimulate small business, as I know Senator Hall is too, and before the committee, I believe two or three years ago, I suggested that we increase the benefits for LB 270 and I believe they were at that time. And I think the intent to draw a business development to these enterprise zones is, just as Senator Hartnett explained, is important because they are zones that have lost population, zones of lower income. I think it's very important because they aren't typically places that people look to expand their businesses. Because of that, I'm supporting Senator Hartnett