

the Hartnett amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I would rise to support Senator Hall's position as well. I don't know, I...if the bill would have got out of committee with that amendment attached or not but certainly there would have been several of us that would not have voted to put it out and it wasn't until that amendment was attached that kept the tax credits at the same level as the others that exist in the statute that certainly some of us were willing to do it. But there isn't any doubt in my mind that this will continue to expand. The argument will be next time why we need to expand this to other like and similar situations which won't be alike and similar other than they'll want the same tax credit. There simply is no place to stop. We've done some of it, but I don't think we should continue to expand on that concept. What makes sense to me and there are a number of provisions in here that give some relief to some regulations and that type of thing that would help perhaps attract the business but to continue to expand the tax credits more and more is a never ending game that you can never catch up with because someone else is always going to expand it. From my viewpoint, if you want to attract business, economic development in a community or in a state, the way you do it is you keep your taxes broad, you keep your rates low and you keep your budget under control. That not only benefits the new business but it also benefits the existing business and protects the existing jobs. It seems to me that's the proper solution.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Beutler, followed by Senators Schmit, Hartnett and Hall. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I guess I would also like to speak in support of the Hall...in support of the Hall position, at least, as the bill is presently drafted. And in saying that, I'm making a certain assumption about how this definition as to what an enterprise zone is would operate, building upon what Senator Hall spoke of earlier, let me make these comments in the form of questions to you, Senator Hartnett. Just to be sure that I'm...in saying this that I'm being accurate as to what the bill does because, as I read these definitions, it's extremely broad,