

one-half square miles to two square miles and require that they have a population of at least 250 people. The second change that occurs on page 4, line 7, is we provide a definition of reasonable proximity statement that refers to a census tracts or blocks which are in whole or part within the area for the proposed zone. The third changes is economic distress is defined, the term is the meaning condition of unemployment, low income, and lost population. And when the Department of Economic Development is making decisions, employment has the first status, low income second, and lost population third. And that is said in the amendment, the fourth amendment of it. The fifth one is an amendment, a new requirement making application. There is a documented area that the proposed enterprise zone represents the area with the greatest level of economic distress within the boundaries of applied subdivision. Number six, we remove the language we had before dealing with monies that would come from the cities, since there is no more tax credit than found in LB 270. We change the qualifying area from 150 to...state employment rate to 200 of the state rate. Then we tighten the last one dealing with what the cities can do as waiving only fees, administrative or procedural requirements relating to the zone. These are the basic amendments that we have and, with that, I would answer any questions if there are any.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Harthnett. Discussion on the Hartnett amendment, Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members, just a couple of questions, Senator Hartnett. Does this effectively become the bill, is that what I understand? And how does this change perhaps those that were eligible from the other day, the first bill? Does it expand it, lessen it, or make any difference?

SENATOR HARTNETT: I don't think there is any change in it, Senator Wehrbein. I think those people that were eligible for it will still be eligible.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: And this will mainly be areas in Omaha, is that true?

SENATOR HARTNETT: Omaha, and there was some counties, too.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay, thank you.