

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, I rise in support of the committee amendment. I wanted to reiterate what Senator Landis said. I did raise a concern about the bill and asked that the sunset be placed in it not because I have any doubts that it will be a very good piece of legislation, I know Senator Vrtiska has worked hard on the effort, but the bill is not very specific in terms of how this will be implemented and a lot of rules and regulations will have to be carried out and not knowing how that will be done and how that will play out and concern sometimes about how things ultimately get implemented, the thought was well let's allow for that to happen, let's allow the department to move forward and then give us some time to see how it works and then have the sunset in there so we'll be forced to review how the operation goes and make sure that everything is on track. I think that's a good way to go. Some previous legislation we had with the Research and Development Authority for instance had that and some other bills that we passed previously and economic development programs have done that and it has proved beneficial so I think it would be a good idea in this case as well and support the committee amendments.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Vrtiska, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I just want to indicate that I have no objection to the committee amendment with the sunset clause. I have to tell you that if this is not due...first of all I want to tell you that we worked closely with the Department of Economic Development and they worked with us and I'm sure they understand through the process exactly what we are trying to do and I'm sure that the rules and regs that they will be coming forth will certainly indicate that when it's done. I could also say that I would have not hesitated to put a sunset provision on the bill myself except that sometimes that indicates that you're not very...you know, you're not that sure of your bill and I certainly didn't want to leave that impression, but I don't have any objection to it being done and so I certainly would accept the amendment as it is proposed. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Further discussion on the committee amendments. Senator Landis, would you like to close?

SENATOR LANDIS: I would like to waive closing, Mr. Speaker,