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that I would like to stress here and it's something that I've talked about all the time and that's...I didn't say Senator Chambers, did I? Senator Chambers, I'm sorry, Senator Chambers. I guess...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: It's very easy to confuse the both of us. I understand that.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Every time I see you it flashes in my mind, Senator, and I'm sorry, I apologize. Senator Bernard-Stevens, I almost lost my train of thought.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes, Senator Witek. (laughter)

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay, would you repeat the question?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Vrtiska, the question was, we do have a lot of monies in DED and we do have a lot of monies in development corporations at the local level. If we made a priority to do what we're trying to do in 144 and use existing monies to do that and say it's a higher priority than what we're spending other monies for, couldn't we do that...do we need to put \$250,000 in to do something that is different?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Let me tell you why it is different and why I put this bill together and why I think it's important and that is the word partnership. What we tried to do in all this process was say in order to, and I'm talking now, not only the small communities but many of the larger ones go out and they have an economic development and they have done a good job in some places, but if...we called it partnership because we felt that the collaboration and the cooperation between agencies, between the various agencies, you're trying to do just what you said.

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR VRTISKA: If they would put all their efforts in a collective manner, I think more could be accomplished than can be by each one trying to do their own thing.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay, and one final question in the time remaining. Would the retail...I think you mentioned in your opening, retail and industry throughout the state would not be able to qualify for any of these types of incentives of