

bill and I think that we're...certainly I appreciate the fact that people have taken an interest and are willing to look at the different aspects but I think the way that we have designed the bill originally is the way it needs to move and I would ask that you not support the Maurstad amendment and move the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Any further discussion of LB 144, excuse me, the...Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Madam President, I would withdraw the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The amendment is withdrawn. Is there anything further on LB 144?

CLERK: Senator Beutler would move to amend, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler. (FA23 appears on pages 618-19 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, my amendment will be passed out here as soon as the Pages can get it passed out. It is a little bit rough in form only because had to be redrawn as an amendment to the Bernard-Stevens amendment, but basically what it does, it is intended to be friendly and it is intended to be clarifying. And the problem that I had with the bill in looking at it is that the language was so broad, it seemed to me that these funds could be used, if they so chose to do so, for a specific economic development project and my understanding of the bill, and I think I have it right, is that this is designed to promote the capacity of areas or communities to engage in competition for economic development generally or for categories of economic development and it was not primarily designed to contribute to only one specific proposed business enterprise. And so that's what this amendment does. It says what we're doing is the former, it has to do with economic development infrastructure so to speak, organizations designed to promote economic development and train people generally, that sort of thing and it precludes projects that are direct contributions to a single business enterprise. It seems to me in some sense, the danger we're facing now with economic development proposals is similar to the danger we used to and still subject ourselves to with regard to welfare and different kinds of social service programs. They tend to multiply and