

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Madam President and members of the Legislature, it's not really the amendment I want to talk to you, it's the bill, but, in general, I need to make a statement here of some things that I believe and have come to support. When I was running for this position of senator, I said my reasons for doing it was to be an advocate for youth, and to be an advocate for youth I also had to be an advocate for education and an advocate for business, and in that order. And if you don't have an education, you can't go to work, and if you don't have a job, you can't go to work. We have an opportunity here, people, and I don't know why we're going to pick this to death and why we can't sit down and work things out as grown-ups and do it right. We have a wonderful opportunity. This is one of the only ways that I see that we are going to actually cut taxes and that is to put more people to work in this state. The more people we have working, the more people we have paying taxes, and sales tax is one of the biggest. These people are going to buy their goods and their things in this state and they're going to pay sales taxes, and these jobs, my understanding, are going to be above average jobs. Let's take a look at it and let's work things out and let's get it moving and take a decent look at a good opportunity and get together and work it out right. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you. Madam President, and members of the Legislature, Senator Jones, could I just ask you a few questions because I want to make sure I understand.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Yes.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Now, Senator Jones, your purpose in wanting to go from ten miles to two miles, you said, was because that it impacted several...it impacted all the communities in the state and I assume that you meant that some day that could occur because, under the present bill, obviously, there's probably only two communities in the state that this would ever be a reality for. Is that right?