

to be some reasonable expectation that others will, in fact, be able to fit into this category or it becomes special legislation. It is challengeable and it would not then be applicable. Admittedly, just like I said with ten miles and Senator Bromm's question, I would admit that the 500 new jobs level is, in fact, a very arbitrary number also. I would point out that I did ask people to go back and examine where of those 775 applications, how many of them met the requirements that are put forth in this bill at this point. Only one in the history of the state, history of 775, which doesn't make it sound quite as ancient as the history of the state, history of 775, there has only been one project, that was the IBP project in Lexington, had 500 new jobs, and \$50 million. That one would have fit with...under the confines of this legislation. None of the others would have, ConAgra would not have, UP would not have, US West would not have. As a matter of fact, and I don't remember the specifics of it, even when we were going after the Mercedes plant, the BMW plant, the Whirlpool plant, I don't think any of those, on their own, would have qualified. They would not...they may have qualified, excuse me, one or the other of those might have qualified, but I don't think all three of them would have. So this 500 limitation has it up there where we are really only talking about those projects that do, in fact, go out and they ask states to put forward proposals, and if we don't have something like an LB 830, something like...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SPEAKER WITHEM: ...an LB 829, we are not going to be in the market for those sorts of businesses. If that is the policy decision that Senator Coordsen is asking the Legislature to adopt, the body is free to adopt that policy decision that we do not want companies of this level to come to our state. That is not a decision that I am willing to make, and I am going to oppose the Coordsen amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Beutler on the Coordsen amendment. Senator Beutler passes. Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. I rise in opposition to the Coordsen amendment as well, and I would simply echo Senator Withem's remarks, particularly with respect to special legislation. As Senator Coordsen stated in his opening, he would like to tailor this piece of legislation so that it applies and is targeted only towards