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SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Beutler. How much of Senator Beutler's time do I have?

PRESIDENT ROBAK PRESIDING

PRESIDENT ROBAK: You have a minute and a half.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Okay, it shouldn't take very long. Now that I understand what you're saying is that these projects ought to undergo a lot of scrutiny and they ought to be treated as a total and we ought to look at exactly what they are costing us versus what the benefits are, if that's your point, that is, in fact, done now. I'd invite you to visit with Director of Economic Development, Maxine Moul, who has been the one who is responsible ultimately, although the Governor is ultimately responsible, but she is the one responsible to him for putting these packages together. That is, in fact, done...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SPEAKER WITHEM: ...and would suggest maybe if you like a little further briefing even on this specific project, I'm sure she'd be willing to do that for you. Specifically how you write that into the statutes to assure that that's done, I don't know how you do that. But it is, in fact, done in most cases. Give you back the rest of your time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'm finished for now.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: I was just going to further comment that there was some provisions, as you have obviously read, Senator Beutler, that this board are to use, and we expanded those somewhat in committee, particularly in the discussion that we had on kind of a cost-benefit ratio, which was to be more inclusive and not just the benefits of 829, but it specifically refers to the impact that would be both locally, as well as statewide. And I believe at least that the language would include those auxiliary types of businesses, just because of additional jobs, additional people, that would be a part of the proposal. That, too, is to be taken into account. Some of this information we recognize, at least historically, companies consider confidential or hesitant to include it. What we did put into the committee amendment, however, was that the rate