

out there, maybe I would be thinking not that the distances should be less but that the distances should be more, so as to enhance our ability to possibly attract something. For example, I don't know how the interstate cuts by certain kinds of towns, but it would seem to me that one advantage that certain businesses might perceive is being located on the interstate, such as the big retail outfitter down in Senator Matzke's district, for example, and I don't know how close that interstate may be to certain smaller-sized communities, but might they not want to reach up there to the interstate and encourage something being built there and provide the kind of employment that is provided in, what is it, Kimball or...

SENATOR JONES: Sidney.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...Sidney, I guess, I am sorry, yeah. And I am not trying...well, I am trying to second-guess you a little bit. I just wondered if that had been considered and whether that was an advantage you were willing to forego?

SENATOR JONES: Yes, I would want to forego it. I can give you a little example. Lexington is sitting right on the interstate and they did look for a big business and they got IBP in there and they brought all kinds of help in there, and then all of a sudden, well, they didn't have no schools and it put a terrible burden on the whole area, and they've tried three bond issues to get a school bond passed to build more schools and they can't do it, and they are meeting in all kinds of houses trying to school them out there right now. So that would be the disadvantage of it. Everybody likes to see a big business come for economic development, but if the city wants to do it itself, according to this Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act, they can do that with a vote of the people in the community, but to have somebody come in like Micron, that's what we are talking about right now, well, this would...this would probably curb some of that, yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, thank you very much.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Is there any further discussion of the Jones amendment? Seeing none, Senator Jones, do you wish to close?

SENATOR JONES: I waive closing.