

drafted, every one of us that is a property owner in this state is subject to fall under this eminent domain umbrella within this proposal, to serve really no purpose but that of the private enterprises that take advantage of it. There is no public use...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...that is benefitted. And I think you could make a very good argument that there is really little public interest in those, in the passage of the law. Without the fruits of that development, there is really very little public interest in just the language that's in the proposal. And I think that the eminent domain issue is one that, as others have pointed out, Senator Chambers in particular, is a time bomb waiting to go off, it is ticking in terms of what can happen under this proposal that we are not authorized to allow, that will provide for benefits that accrue to a private entity, not to a public use, not to a public interest, not to a public good but to a private enterprise, a private business, a for-profit enterprise that takes the benefits that are put together by the whole through the tax-increment financing...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR HALL: ...and the other benefits and keep them for themselves as a private entity. I would urge the body to support Senator Wickersham's amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. Senator Hall, if I remember right your discussion was just that the Supreme Court, in the City of Beatrice case, basically cast some doubt upon this, and that that's...well, or that that's the law...Beatrice is the law? Is that accurate?

SENATOR HALL: Senator Kristensen, is that a question?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes, that's a question.

SENATOR HALL: My statement was if that's the law, if this is the law in the State of Nebraska, clearly that is the position,...