

on which of the proposals you're talking about, we don't know what it's going to be on the individual taxpayer. And that is a shame because that was the one diamond in the rough as it relates to this bill because we were making the policy choice to say cost benefit analysis is an integral part of economic development incentives and we've stripped that from the bill and that is an extremely...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...unfortunate measure. These same companies that we choose to attract through this type of legislation would not make these same kinds of investments not knowing when the return on the investment was going to materialize, but yet, we are going to do that to attract them. We are going to do exactly opposite what they would do protecting their own shareholders, their own stockholders, but we are going to ignore our shareholders, our stockholders, the taxpayers and we're just going to roll the dice and I think there's a very likely chance it could come up craps. The investment will be there, the investment will be made by the state. Whether or not the return is there, when it will be there, if it will be there at all is left to assumption and I would urge you to put the Brashear amendment back into the bill...

SENATOR CROSBY: Time.

SENATOR HALL: ...not to adopt the Warner amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Madam President and members of the body, I rise in support of the Warner amendment. As Senator Hall has aptly put, it is an honest amendment, that's why primarily I'm supporting it, but also I stand and wonder why it appears that we hold government's involvement in economic development to such a higher standard than we hold many other public policy decisions that we make. Economic development as far as government's involvement is something that has occurred primarily in the last generation, maybe generation and a half, and when the ideas first surfaced that government ought to be involved in these activities, cost-benefit analysis business terms were used to justify and promote economic development. Quite frankly, I think that the jobs that are created, I think that the economic environment that is enhanced because of