

whether or not to support the bill but I'm just expressing to you that we seem to take with economic development a little looser approach on some of these things and I know some of you feel like we're too harsh on some of these tax breaks and other things that we raise questions and we wouldn't raise questions with other proposals. But this is something I think if you look at carefully and if you actually look at the bill it's very short. There's only the last paragraph and the last page. Other than that it's just basically...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...next to no requirements and what happens with this money and it's \$6 million, it's not 60,000. I mean we fought for hours over \$60,000 on the hearing impaired bill and this is 6 million. I don't know what we're going to...what all to discuss further than that, but that's my concerns and I look forward to the discussion.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I think I've come almost to the end of my rope on this economic development business because I think we've come to the point where we're losing control of what we're doing and I don't know that anybody in here can say with any degree of certainty that they have any idea whether these additional funds are going to make any difference whatsoever. Not only that, but there is no definition of economic development. These funds can be used for virtually any purpose that is viewed by the Governor as economic development. Now I'm sure most of us have great confidence in the Governor that we have now, the Governor that we'll have next year, but this kind of legislation, to me, is exactly the kind of legislation that gets states and governments in trouble and leads to the possibility of corruption because this is essentially a slush fund. I mean I don't think there is any other way of describing it. This is so broadly defined and so discretionary that you can do almost anything you want with this money. It seems to me that if our program is lacking in some respect, then we ought to define the way in which it is lacking and provide specifically legislation for that purpose rather than throwing our hands up in the air and saying we really can't define all this so let's just create this fund with criteria that are so broad that it will take care of everything. To me that's kind of the lazy way of doing things and the result of