

our laziness will ultimately be the misuse or poor use of some of these funds. Senator Engel, if I could ask you some questions just so I could recall and better understand how this is all structured.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Engel.

SENATOR ENGEL: Yes, that would be fine.

SENATOR BEUTLER: On page 4, in lines 14 through 19 it says the commission shall establish principles and processes for using the fund consistent with the economic priorities of the state as determined by the commission. Who is the commission?

SENATOR ENGEL: The commission is set up of nine different people across the State of Nebraska who are all in business, in different types of businesses. They are the ones that set up the criteria here.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So none of these are public officials, these are elected officials, these are all private businesses?

SENATOR ENGEL: All private businesses.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, so what we're saying here is that the economic development priorities of the state and the monies to which this is going to be applied are the economic development priorities of these nine business people without a determination or any input by any elected official or public official.

SENATOR ENGEL: They are an advisory group to the Department of Economic Development.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR ENGEL: So they do not make the decisions, they are an advisory group.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well it says that they shall establish the principles and processes for using this fund and it will be consistent with the economic development priorities that they determine in cooperation with the Governor and the department. So this language sounds like they establish the principles and they establish the priorities but they work in cooperation with the Governor and the department. Do you think that's not the