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SENATOR ENGEL: Well the way I understand it, you know the legalese, I'm not familiar with that, but the way I understand it they are strictly an advisory group. It's up to the Department of Economic Development to...they report to them and this particular fund is solely at the Governor's discretion. If they come up with an industry they want to help, they want to assist, I think this would bring them over the top. Then they will study it, advise the Department of Economic Development and then they will present it to the Governor. If the Governor thinks it's something we should do and we need to do it now or it won't happen, then it's up to his sole discretion to decide whether to utilize these funds or not to utilize those funds.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Can he utilize those funds for a reason outside or different from the principles and processes and the economic development priorities determined by the commission?

SENATOR ENGEL: It's my understanding that he cannot. It's their advice to the Department of Economic Development and then upon their advice then he makes the decision. He doesn't go out and make his own decisions on any particular project.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, so in the end this commission is going to determine what our economic priorities are.

SENATOR ENGEL: In specific cases...they're going to recommend, if there is a small company out in Eddyville, Nebraska, for example, and they want to get started or they want to expand and they can't quite get it all together and there's a time frame there, if the commission would recommend to the Governor that this is a viable enterprise, it would assist the community. It would provide good paying jobs with good benefits, then they would recommend that to the Department of Economic Development who would pass it on to the Governor.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time. Thank you, Senator. Senator Engel, your light is next, followed by Senators Witek, Wehrbein, Maurstad, Chambers, Janssen, Wesely and Beutler. Excuse me, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, I have a motion. Senator Chambers would move to indefinitely postpone LB 425. Senator Engel would have the option to lay the bill over if he so chose, Madam