

programs, which is back to the statutes, including Community Development Block Grants. It goes on in the next paragraph, it talks about administering the fund and supervising economic development loans, and I think it is clear that what the intent of LB 425, 425 is. I think the committee amendments, I think the amendments that have been adopted this morning have been very clear, confining, have been okay. They help address some of the concerns that I think have been raised. I don't know if anybody else in the body, I have had ex...and I am going to lean back again on my experience in dealing with recruiting businesses, and I think that LB 425 would provide, once again I am going to use the term, flexibility for those projects that we're trying to bring to this state to create more job opportunities. We have to, I guess to me, again focus on what we're trying to accomplish with our economic development efforts, and creating jobs, creating economic opportunity in this state is a very, very high priority. I think that, you know, I am not opposed to the bracket motion. I just want to make sure that some of the concerns as we enter into next week, if this motion is successful, that some of the concerns that have been raised I think there are answers for. And I think that we can move forward with this part of this sessions economic development initiative in a positive way and come up with another tool for us to use. I, personally, think it is good that the Governor has sole responsibility. If the Governor wants to provide \$3 million to somebody that's doing the trail in Senator Beutler's area, and he is willing to go before the public and justify that, then I guess the public will eventually determine whether or not that was an appropriate use of these funds. I think the bill provides repayment provisions so that we can turn these dollars over. I think that it is clear that when you make a loan that those loans are going to have the repayment terms in them, are going to address how they are going to be repaid. What the penalties would be if they are not going to...if they default. I mean all that, once again,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: ...is currently, currently being done in other economic development projects in the state. Political favors issue, by golly, the potential for that already exists. I mean that exists in our block grant program. The department has...the department director works at the behest of the Governor. Believe me, they get far more block grant applications than what they can put out on an annual basis, and