

SENATOR WITEK: ...thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I just want to echo some of the sentiments that were expressed by Senator Maurstad a little earlier, some of the thoughts that I had along the same lines. I originally turned my light on to oppose the kill motion, and now it's on bracket. Although I don't necessarily oppose the bracket motion if there is some things that can be resolved by the parties who have some concerns, it wouldn't really bother me. I guess the only point I want to make is that I, too, have always had a deep concern for economic development. In fact, yesterday I was visiting with an economic developer from one of the communities in southeast Nebraska who basically told me exactly what we are doing here is something that is so terribly badly needed in some of the, particularly, smaller communities of the state in order to attract the kind of industry or the kind of work places that are so badly needed in some of our communities and throughout the State of Nebraska. And I don't know how it is going to be done unless we are willing to put up some money, and it looked to me like it was an honest effort by the department and by the Governor to come up with an idea that would certainly do just exactly that. I signed on the bill because I thought it was an excellent idea that could be utilized by a number of communities for the purpose of trying to, in a sense, help themselves to bring an industry in that might, in the long term, help the whole State of Nebraska. In talking with the lady from southeast Nebraska yesterday, she was telling me about her efforts in trying to attract, at this particular time to attract a company from California to set up a satellite venture in Nebraska, and it takes some incentives and some encouragement to get those things done, and along with encouragement, sometimes it takes some dollars, and that's exactly what this provides. As far as who has control over how this is done, I thought the idea that a commission, a committee or commission would be formed to sort of sort out the ideas and go over those with the Governor, and let him have the final authority. It is a difficult, certainly all these issues come down to where one person has to, ultimately, make the decision, and I guess it would be the Governor's responsibility then to stand behind that position, and you could focus on whether you thought he was right or wrong. So I think it puts him into more of a difficult position than many of us think. Given that, given that bit of