

a lot of thought as far as appeasing or trying to come up with a real good definition, so we thought, well, let's just go ahead and take one that is already out there, so could you tell me in lines 1 through 10 on page 4, what types of businesses will be qualified and which types will not be qualified first.

SENATOR ENGEL: Senator Bernard-Stevens, I think if a little later into the discussion there is going to be an amendment offered as far as the num...right now, the way my amendment reads as of right now, qualified business would be up to 100 employees, minimum of 100 employees, but if you hang on just a second, I've got the answer for you.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Take your time, Pat, we are in no hurry. Well, I'll tell you what, Pat, let me go on a couple of minutes, and then when you find it, if you have your light on, you can give that information. One of the things that we have on this particular bill that concerns me just a little bit, number one is the funding portion. And I will make no bones about it, Senator Robinson, when I voted for the ethanol bill and, Senator Wesely, this isn't monies that's going to go in the ethanol, this admits that we, as a Legislature, made a decision and the bill is sitting on Final Reading that puts \$16 million on the front end of an ethanol bill, and that's about \$8 million that we've spent that we are accused of overspending. We've act...this Legislature has said that we are liberal spenders, that we are spending monies that we don't have, and I took personal umbrage to that, I said, wait, this Legislature is not liberally spending money. We are actually deciding when the best time to pay an obligation. And I also was saying that since, obviously, we put extra monies in, Senator Robinson, that maybe we should find a way to pay for it. You've been on the Appropriations Committee long enough to know how these things work. Senator Maurstad, one of the things that you will also learn, as you go through the process for the first time is when bills get on Final Reading strange things happen, bills are not necessarily passed based on merit. In fact, a lot of times what you will have, not to the distinguishment of the Legislature, members of the body will say, gee, I don't have enough courage to vote against economic development, so I'm going to go ahead and vote for these things, and we will let the Governor veto it out. And then we will say, well,...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.