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LB 425, 829

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...Robak. But, nonetheless, I don't want to reconsider this. It would be a redundant thing, and, Mr. Clerk, I would like to withdraw the reconsideration motion at this time.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The motion has been withdrawn.

CLERK: Madam President, then I'm back then to consideration of...well, Senator Bernard-Stevens.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Bernard-Stevens, procedurally, we are now on your closing of your motion to bracket.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: That is correct. Senator Engel, would you yield to a couple of questions?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Engel.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: And where I am going to be going to is on the portion of the bill that was taken from LB 829 on who qualifies for the loan and who does not qualify. The people that...or the entities that do not qualify are restaurants, farming or ranching, most retailers, except those who qualify above, which we will get to, contractors, and repair persons. And just the overall concept is, why would we not want retailers in Nebraska to take advantage of this, why wouldn't we want some restaurants that employ people that might want to expand that could...or in a small town where they lose their restaurant, they might be able to have one, why would we not want to have these entities included or have them possibly receiving some of these dollars?

SENATOR ENGEL: Senator Bernard-Stevens, you were around when you passed LB 775. You weren't? Golly, I thought you were here longer than that. But when LB 829 was discussed this year, and you are here, and I know you were in that discussion. You probably understand it better than I, so the qualifications on this particular bill, 425, they use the same criteria that they used for those bills. As far as your question as far as restaurants, and so forth, the purpose of LB 425 is to create good-paying jobs with good benefits, where something is actually manufactured.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Engel, if I can pursue further. I thought the purpose of your bill was, the first part