

teacher. They are all part of Kristensen's Day in the Capitol. Will you all stand and be recognized, please. Thank you for taking part in the day. Senator Jensen would also like to announce that Lyle and Audrey Schuh are here from Omaha and under the north balcony. Mr. and Mrs. Schuh, will you please stand and be recognized. Senator Vrtiska, your light is next, followed by Senators Hall, Maurstad, Engel and Chambers.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. Senator Wickersham.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR VRTISKA: I was...I've been looking at your amendment, 1416, and I think you indicated that only 25 percent of this money could go to companies that employed over 100 and the balance would go to those with less employees. Is that right, or do I understand that right?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Actually, it would be...the companies eligible would be those employing between 100 and 250, no more than 25 percent could go to that category.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, then you said that 75 percent of it would go to those businesses employed less than 100.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That's correct.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Where does it say that?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well,...

SENATOR VRTISKA: You just assume that from the fact that it doesn't say...that it says what it says?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: (Laugh.) Okay, Senator, it says that no more than 25 percent of the fund may be used for businesses employing more than 100. So that implies that 75 percent of the fund has to be used for those employing under 100. And then anybody employing more than 250 is flat out excluded.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay. I kept reading...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well, creating...I'm sorry, creating new employment. I'm sorry, it's not...creating new employment of