

working together, for example. It is intended to be a very generic reference.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Is that defined some place else or that's just...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: No, it is not, Senator, and perhaps it needs to be.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Okay. I think, Senator Chambers, you wanted some time, so I will give you the rest of my time. Thank you, Senator Wickersham.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I still am looking at the total amount of this fund, and the size of the business which can receive loans and/or grants, whatever the term grant would mean. And under Senator Wickersham's amendment, no more than 25 percent of the fund in aggregate. I guess that means however many of these businesses of this size would apply and be accepted, the total amount going to all such businesses when taken together would be no more than 25 percent of the fund. Conceivably one company with more than 100 employees could qualify for 25 percent of the fund, but here is the question that I will ask Senator Wickersham before I continue belaboring that point. Senator Wickersham, when a reference is made in the original legislation to...or at least in Senator Engel's amendment, to Section 81-1201.09, it talks about expanding businesses or new businesses. So would it be envisioned that this money could be used to start up a new business?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: I think so, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is there anything that would prevent this money from being used to acquire property? In other words, it doesn't have to go just to operational expenses? It could be used to purchase real estate, is that true?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: I believe that's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It could be used, in other words, for any