

purpose legitimately associated with starting up or continuing to operate or to expand an existing business?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: I believe so, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wickersham, do you see where it could be possible that a business hiring more than 100 employees and just starting up could consume 25 percent of the fund?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well, I think you're right, Senator. It is a relatively small fund. I think it would depend on the type of business, but conceivably, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And this does not put any requirements in terms of what kind of jobs, what the wages, what kind of benefits go to the workers or anything else? Does it?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: No, it does not.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So unlike these Micron and other types of handouts, as they have been called, there are not those kind of...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...specific items included...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Senator, as you know, other provisions of law would govern, for example, I think the minimum wage, whether...if the business was an interstate business it would be governed by the federal minimum wage and I'm not suggesting that I think the federal minimum wage or the state minimum wage is completely adequate, I don't want to give that impression, but there are other provisions in law which would impact what the company would do.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right, and since my time is just about up and I think this is my third time, I'd ask Senator Wesely or somebody, oh, no, I'm on Senator Hartnett's time. So I won't panic. Thank you, Senator Hall, I will give back the few seconds I may have.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: There is 15 seconds. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President, members of the body, Senator