

Wickersham, I have a couple of questions.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay, you say that only 25 percent can go to businesses that employ over a 100. Okay, say you're going to give out a million bucks. That's \$250,000. Say that very little of the \$750,000 that you're...and you got two or three people, businesses over 100,000, so we're just going to say, well, bye-bye-bye, you've got to go to Iowa or Kansas or South Dakota. There isn't much flexibility, is there?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well, Senator...

SENATOR ROBINSON: If there is, I don't see it I guess.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: No, well, two comments. One, and I think it's just an unfortunate use of terminology and that is the words give out. I hope that isn't what we're doing here. I hope that we have, and actually the amendment is directed at a different kind of an effort as opposed to just give out. The amendment is directed at establishing some criteria and some guidelines for how or policies and procedures how the money is to be used and you're right, Senator, every time we draw the lines a little bit there may be some place that we wish we hadn't drawn the line or somebody may have a good reason for not doing it, but if we don't draw the lines at all, then we have no guidance from the Legislature to the Governor about how to utilize the fund and I think that's inappropriate. I think we do need to define the circumstances under which the fund can be used.

SENATOR ROBINSON: But it still does not give you much flexibility, depending on the types of companies that might be applying for...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well, Senator Robinson, the degree of flexibility that would be left in the bill after adoption of this amendment is substantially greater, in my opinion, than the "flexibility" that we would have given the Governor or anyone else in economic development initiatives in other legislation. For example, the criteria in 829 or in 830, 250 new employees, new investment in...

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay, I have another question. The