

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President and members. I rise to offer the amendment. I believe that it's a modest proposal that will limit the areas where this...these monies can be used. Take the time to read on page 4. Look what is allowed under the activities. Subsection (a) it says, conducting of research, development, testing for scientific, agricultural, animal husbandry, food product or industrial purposes, all very good purposes. (b) it says, the performance of data processing, telecommunications, insurance, financial services. (c) it says, the assembly, fabrication, manufacture or processing of tangible personal property. (d) The administrative management of any activities, including headquarter facilities, relating to such activities. And then (e) says, any combination of the above. All of those, when you look at them, or any combination of them means that they're going to throw off economic development, they're going to create jobs, they're going to do exactly what the purpose of this fund was meant to be. Then go up and look at my amendment. Storage, warehousing, distribution, transportation. I mean, transportation, I'm sorry, I can't...I still can't understand what that means, or sale of tangible personal property. We're going to let anybody who sells personal property apply under this, or they're going to be eligible with the inclusion of this language? I truly believe that we need to take this out and limit where a very finite amount of resources in this fund are going to be available. And I think it's an amendment that does clearly make the bill a better bill. Senator Brashear, one of my colleagues said that in my analogy to peanut butter, that my blue collar working class roots showed through and that I should have asked you how thin they spread the caviar on the crackers back home, but...for you to grasp what I was talking about. And then they said, well maybe ask him about cream cheese, maybe caviar wasn't quite fair. But the fact of the matter is we're spreading something far too thin here, that's all I know. And you can see through to whatever is underlying. We're not going to have enough to leave any taste on the palate for purposes of having an impact that we're trying to generate through this type of legislation. I would urge you to support this amendment, it's a very, I think, good proposal that will limit what we're going to do and have the exact effect that the intent of the bill was meant. With that, I would urge adoption of this amendment, Madam President. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Hall. You've heard the