

particular piece of legislation would needed to be used in those circumstances. So it would be my understanding of the intent of this bill that it is to, and is a reaction to the increased competitive nature of creating more jobs throughout the country that results in states trying to stay competitive with one another.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I listened to Senator Beutler very carefully and he makes a point, but again I believe this bill should be honest. And I believe if we're to enact something like this, we should not make a greater claim for it than is justified by the facts. The first appropriation into this fund will be \$3 million. Let me ask Senator Maurstad a question based on his understanding of the bill.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Maurstad, is it your understanding that the focus of this bill is to be toward smaller operations and enterprises?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Well, as we amended yesterday, 75 percent of the bill will now go to those that are creating new jobs of 100 or less and so the emphasis now on the bill is certainly toward small business that make up a majority of the employment, new growth employment in the State of Nebraska.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. That's my understanding too. Senator Engel, I'd like to ask you a question because it's your bill.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Engel.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Can you think of any small businesses that another state is going to try to lure from Nebraska with the offer of economic assistance, and if so, give me an example of such a business?

SENATOR ENGEL: Senator Chambers, I do not have any particular business in mind at this time. Someone in the chambers might. Before, when Mr. Bell talked, testified before the Banking