

whatever purposes, that you should go through the appropriations process just like everybody else has to do and ask for it and let them fit it into the budget that they will present to us April 27,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...and that's why I did agree with some of David Bernard-Stevens observations early on on this. He is good at appropriations, he's been on the committee. He realizes that it all has to fall together like a jigsaw puzzle so that we don't come up with some big last minute \$6 million appropriation that has to be covered out of their budgets and I would have felt more comfortable, if this is what we're going to do, if this had come through the appropriations process and was fit into the budget that they're going to present to us later on this month and I do not feel comfortable appropriating \$6 million outside of that process, and so because of the changes that you're being asked to make, I won't be voting for the Chambers amendment or the Engel amendment. If they both pass, I won't be voting for 425. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I just wanted to make a couple more points in objecting to Senator Chambers' proposed amendment. Again of course, the proposed amendment eliminates the distinction between interstate competition and simply giving out money for economic development. And I want to point out to you a couple of things which I believe are true. If you reject this distinction and eliminate interstate competition as a reason for giving out economic development funds, then you're going down a path to which I see no end until you have agreed to give money to each and every business, each and every new business which is starting out and each and every business which is adding jobs in the state because there is no logic for making further distinctions. Now in this bill right now, there is a further distinction, it has to be a qualifying business and it has to add jobs, at least one job I guess. That's hardly a distinction and a qualifying business is the other distinction. But the qualifying business, if you look at the reason why we're giving money for these types of businesses, when the next round comes and somebody that is in a different kind of business says, give me the money, I've added a job or two, what's the difference