

between my kind of business and these qualified businesses, I think you're going to have... I think you're going to find it impossible to intellectually distinguish. I mean you can say there's not enough money and so we're just going to do it this way, but I think you have to think now about what the basis is going to be for holding this economic development initiative to the limitations that are in the bill because, if you do not have a substantial intellectual basis for doing that, then in the future when it is sought to broaden the bill, to eliminate the definition of qualified businesses because there's hardly, in my opinion, any basis for that distinction now, what are you going to say? And I'm anxious to hear from other people but I think there's going to be very little to say other than, you're right, this is not fair. We should simply leave the criteria as they are now in the Wickersham amendment and that is if you add a few jobs, one or two jobs will do. Finally, keep in mind that there's still nothing in this bill that would prohibit the favoritism that could result in giving funds to one community over another. If you're going to adopt the Chambers amendment, then funds can be given to businesses that may want to locate like Frito Lay either in Lexington or Gothenburg. Actually I think they came from out of state so it's not quite a classic situation, but how are we going to distinguish between businesses that are localities that are in competition with each other within the State of Nebraska? Especially if they clearly qualify for funds under the bill, you're going to want to give them funds but funds, which location are you going to work through? I think there are a number of evolving problems that we need to address if you're going to get rid...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...of the distinction that Senator Chambers is seeking to delete. Thank you.

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

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, the purpose of my amendment is to see which way the body wants to go and, Senator Witek, it seems that, I know you were saying you wouldn't support the bill, but it seems like this amendment would be in line with what you're thinking of because it broadens what the bill can do, and to help establish that, I want to ask Senator Beutler a couple of clarifying questions if I may.