

other state is trying to get it to move to their state because it brings nothing to that state. It would be a circumstance where maybe the business would be deemed to be of value to the community or whatever other reasons might be determined for wanting to grant a loan or provide a grant. But without the other state trying to bring that business away from Nebraska, that business could not get a loan. If you leave that language in the bill and it says that's what the intent is, then it seems to me that anybody handling this loan fund has to administer that loan in accord with the intent expressed by the Legislature, and if the Legislature states explicitly that this is the intent, that intent must be complied with, and if loans...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...were granted or grants extended without that intent being complied with, those loans are illegally provided and the grants would be illegal and any loan officer or whatever you call the person who would extend the loan from this commission would assume, I believe, some kind of liability because he or she would be acting contrary to the explicit language of the statute. So if you want to reject my amendment it's not going to bother me, but it will mean that there's going to be a much larger amount of money in that fund because fewer loans will be possible due to the restricted nature of this bill.

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

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Madam President, just a couple of comments. First of all, I could probably go along with Senator Chambers' amendment if he would have left in the language that Senator Beutler has questioned, but, unfortunately, it doesn't do that and so I will oppose the Chambers amendment as it is now although I like the way he has phrased the balance of the first paragraph. Unfortunately, it's absent that one key phrase. Secondly, I'd like to make a brief comment about something that Senator Beutler mentioned relative to competition in between communities. I want to make it clear that the Department of Economic Development does not make decisions as to which community in Nebraska a particular project will locate to. The business makes that decision and the Department of Economic Development tries to be as evenhanded as they can in providing