

opportunities to those communities in the state that meet the qualifications of a business, but I just wanted to clarify and make sure that it was clear to everybody that the businesses make the decision as to where they're going to locate within the State of Nebraska when there is competition among the communities in Nebraska. And finally, I'd like to make a pitch for Senator Witek's vote on this piece of legislation. I still think that the reasons that she voted to advance this bill to the floor of the Legislature exists. I know that Senator Witek gives a great deal of thought before she takes various positions, but I have also recognized that she is open-minded and I hope that she will continue to watch this bill as it progresses through the stages because I think it addresses the concerns that she would like to have in the bill relative to the supplement to other programs, the discretion of the Governor. I do not believe that the bill is changed completely with the adoption of the Engel amendment. So, Senator Witek, I'd like to encourage you to continue to support LB 425 along with the balance of the members. Thank you.

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

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Engel, Senator Chambers wanted a little more time to talk through what Senator Maurstad was objecting to in his amendment and I thought I might just use the moment to ask you this. In your basic amendment, you have a definition of qualified business and that definition does or will tie back into the whole program. What in your mind or in the rationale of the Department of Economic Development...let's assume for the moment that this bill, that the Chambers amendment is adopted and this bill would apply to even those businesses that are not involved in interstate competition, what would be the rationale for assisting the businesses, the types of businesses that are described under the qualified business definition and any other business in Nebraska that happened to add the same number of jobs?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Engel.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'm just trying to explore the reason for the qualified business definition.

SENATOR ENGEL: Senator Beutler, the qualified business definition is the same for this bill as it is for like we said yesterday, LB 829, LB 775 and in that category it's the type of