

or possibly leaving here, and I just really believe that in practice this proposal that Senator Beutler has brought forth is a part of the overall process. I'm beginning to think to a certain extent we might not have a full appreciation for the amount of time and effort and scrutiny that the Department of Economic Development and the economic development specialists in the state go through in trying to put forth an appropriate package that meets the scrutiny of the public and also meets the objectives of providing additional job opportunities for the workers of our state. So I guess at this point maybe my standing up has given others a minute to reflect as to whether or not this is something that we want to add to LB 425 at this point in time. I think I'll, for the time being, oppose the amendment and from the basic premise that I think this is something that is done, it's a common practice and if...I'm going to rely again upon what I think was the original intent of the committee in advancing this. I believe the Governor is going to have to, when he puts his stamp of approval on the use of these funds, is going to have to articulate to the state and to the Legislature the reasons that he has authorized usage of these funds and what Senator Beutler has put here is going to have to certainly be a part of that decision-making process that the Governor will have to go through. So I guess I'm going to oppose and urge the body to reject the Beutler amendment to the Engel amendment. Thank you.

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

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Maurstad a question.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Maurstad, suppose the word "significant" were eliminated and you'd say it's...then you would say it is a factor in the qualified...one of my seatmates had thought that word was girlfriend, but we all know it's qualified. However, when I first read it, that's the word that I got out of it too. Senator Beutler, you need to do a little work on your "penpersonship". But anyway, suppose the word "significant" were eliminated, Senator Maurstad, and then it would say it is a factor and it seems to me then it would just track the language that everybody insists it should be in my rewrite of that finding about being, remaining competitive with