

creation of jobs, then I believe it is appropriate to employ a cost-benefit analysis. And, in particular, it is appropriate to provide a cost-benefit analysis when the program is not available again in a generalized fashion to all citizens of the State of Nebraska, when it has a specialized target and we are seeking to achieve a very particularized and economic objective. I think that's appropriate. That's the way you would run a business and that's perhaps the best analogy.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: So if I can follow up just a little bit and maybe just visit with you a little bit about this, then what you're indicating to me, if I'm...if I'm understanding it correctly, is that a job for a particular citizen or the creation of a job for a particular citizen is different than cash assistance to a particular individual.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: The cash assistance programs are...there is a generalized eligibility, if you meet the requirements usually in terms of low income and inability to provide for yourself.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: But in this particular situation, the use of at least some of these funds could be for a general improvement for a community with the hope of creating more jobs through a grant program, and I'm having a hard time understanding the general application of a grant for the use of creation of jobs and the general application that you're outlining in your concerns and need for the job benefit, for the cost-benefit analysis.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Oh, I...oh, I'm sorry, I didn't realize that was...

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Well, maybe it was too rhetorical of a question. The part...do you agree that part of the use of these funds can be a grant to a local community to be used for...to assist in the creation of jobs that would be a general benefit? And we're going to do a cost-benefit analysis on that and so, just to carry your illustration to that step, do you see it different there?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: We usually...we...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: My recollection is that we usually approach