

with two sponsors. Those, of course, are from Senator Robinson's district. If you could all stand, please. For discussion on the Bernard-Stevens amendment to the Wickersham amendment, Senator Engel.

SENATOR ENGEL: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, first of all, I'd like to respond to Senator Bernard-Stevens. I, too, realize that there would be a shortfall this year, being on Appropriations and we have to do something about it. However, all of the programs that we have in the State of Nebraska we have to come up with this money, these monies to pay for the...like economic, I mean not economic, but the developmentally disabled and all these other programs, but that money has to come from someplace. Now the only way we're going to see more taxes and more income in the State of Nebraska, we have to create more good paying jobs and that's what this is all about. As far as Senator Chambers and the small companies, with the amendments we have in the hopper now and coming up later today, 75 percent of the monies will have to be allocated to those businesses employing 100 or fewer people. And one of those amendments is 25 percent earmarked for those that will only be employing up to 50 new jobs. The other 25 percent is allocated for those from 100 to 250 employees. Now the purpose of this bill is when the session first started we discussed the Micron bills and so forth, well, this is a gap between zero and the 250, and Senator Chambers, this last week, has mentioned, and he mentioned early on, on this particular bill, that \$6 million itself is not a lot of money. Well, if 600,000 isn't a lot of money, 250,000 is certainly a lot less. So I agree with Senator Warner, if we're going to do something we might as well be effective at it. Now this doesn't mean that we can't spend only 250,000 or we might only spend 60,000 on a particular project, but we have to keep that limit at least up to 500,000. Thank you. And before I close, I'd like to turn over the rest of my time to Senator Wickersham.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President, I'll try to be brief. Obviously, I disagree with the amendment proposed by Senator Bernard-Stevens. I believe that \$500,000 is the appropriate limitation to place on loans, in part for the reasons that Senator Warner stated, in part for the reasons that I stated the last time this issue was being debated. Even \$500,000 is not a lot of money if you're dealing with a capital