

SENATOR HALL PRESIDING

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm going to pursue this amendment and I'm going to pursue other amendments to try to force those who have brought this bill to put it in the form it would have to be in to achieve the result they say they want to achieve. I'm going to ask Senator Engel a question which I think can be answered in 30 seconds or fewer.

SENATOR ENGEL: I'll certainly try.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Engel, is the main purpose of this bill to help small businesses?

SENATOR ENGEL: That is the intent.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is the area of the state being targeted, the area we would refer to as the rural area?

SENATOR ENGEL: That is the intent but also it could be in the center of Omaha if you have a small business there, so it is not restricted to rural area, but it's intended for there.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So rural is just kind of thrown in there.

SENATOR ENGEL: No, it's not...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If we intend it, don't you think we could write the legislation in such a way as to make it go the way we aim it?

SENATOR HALL: Time. Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Hillman, your light is next.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members, maybe just a few comments here I think overall on the philosophy of economic development in that whether it's a state or it's a local organization they start out with three different premises when it comes to economic development. The first one is retention of jobs. Probably one of the more simple and less expensive ways to enhance economic development in your community is to keep what you have and that's not always happening. That can mean