

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, here is what I mean.

SENATOR ENGEL: Are we talking about findings, is that what we are talking?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, no, I am not bothering that part.

SENATOR ENGEL: Oh, you are done with that, okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That part I agree is a clarification, so my amendment is not stripping that out. What I am doing is striking the part of Senator Wickersham's amendment that would take out these words, and I will read them, "and to remain competitive with those of other states and localities." Those are the words his amendment would take out, and I am striking the part of his amendment that would take those words out, so that they will stay in the bill. And this is what would be...this is the way it would read, it currently reads: To provide a degree of flexibility in achieving the purposes of the programs and activities described in Section 81-1201.09, and to remain competitive with those of other states and localities, the Selective Enhancement for Economic Development Fund is hereby created. That is given as a reason for the bill. The words that Senator Wickersham's amendment would remove are the words that say, "and to remain competitive with those of other states and localities."

SENATOR ENGEL: Senator Chambers, I can quote from the transcript here because I have total recall, but there are certain times I can't remember everything. Is that proper verbiage?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, that's perfect.

SENATOR ENGEL: But Senator Wickersham's, when he testified here, he was talking to Senator Beutler, but, you know, they are talking about this particular matter and it says, it doesn't, quite frankly, if I had my druthers, all references to competition with other states would be stricken from not only this bill but any other bills in the State of Nebraska. I think that is inappropriate and we can legitimately enter into economic development initiatives if they confer benefits on the citizens in the State of Nebraska in general. We should not do that simply because somebody else is doing something more, so that's where this started.