

business incentives and tax credits offered by state and local governments, can be a daunting challenge, and it suggests that firm can be hired to identify, negotiate, achieve the maximum incentives and credits available and to monitor the constantly changing mixture of incentives and credits and identify potential savings. And the firm's database identifies over 3,000 tax credits for economic development that exists around the country.

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: The point is that there isn't any question, based on those two reports, that the whole broad area that needs to be looked at down the road, as we evaluate tax incentives, is also comments in here on how they're expanding and the need for that I think is essential. If we begin to identify one or two particular areas that are included as being emphasized, it tends to detract, I'm sure, from the overall purpose. And I appreciate Senator Wesely's interest and activity in this whole area, but I would hope the body would not adopt this particular amendment and let the bill remain as it currently stands.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Warner. I've had a number of questions today about something kind of unusual. People have asked me why Senator Hilgert has been unusually well behaved today. It's because his wife, Cara, and his mother, Mary, are under the balcony and we'd very much like to welcome you here to the Legislature today. Would you stand and be recognized, please. Senator Wesely, on the amendment, followed by Senators Wickersham and Brashear.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members, I would like to ask Senator Warner to yield to a couple of questions, if he wouldn't mind.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Warner. Senator Warner, Senator Wesely has a question, if you would care to respond.

SENATOR WESELY: Senator Warner, I appreciate your comments and I've listened to most of them and I understood some of them. I was wondering if (laughter)... I was wondering, and I appreciate what you're trying to do there, very much supportive of it. The concern about the pass-throughs on... to the individual taxes, I thought what you're saying is that that will be something