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opportunity to find ways to run the program with lower administrative fees. Knudsen said he has been working since then to devise a system that would work. He said the reinvention, the "one-stop capital shop enterprise capital access project" will require less administration so it will make a greater share of the money available for business than previous ideas would, he said. The program would have to be approved by the enterprise zone board and the city council, Knudsen said. Catholic Charities got \$745,000 for a rehabilitation project which produced no business activity. The amount available for these businesses is \$800,000, almost the same amount. That's how these programs are administered in Omaha when it comes to the areas that need the assistance. If this boondoggle envisioned by LB 382 is voted into effect by this Legislature, that will be the first shot in a battle designed to destroy the community that I represent. There are areas outside my community and outside my district which will be negatively affected. But the Legislature has shown a consistent lack of regard for those people and their interests, whether it's a highway cutting through the center, whether it is allowing money...

SENATOR DIERKS: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...for federal block grants, which should go to those areas, to be diverted to other areas and projects, it's all one and the same. The poor do get poorer. And I believe that's probably why Jesus said, "The poor you'll have always with you", because there are so many people in positions of power doing all they can to keep poor people poor and to take from them the little that they even seem to have. But as long as I'm in this Legislature, I'm going to make it as hard as possible to steal from them.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Hilgert, you're up to speak.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you, Mr. President. I would just rise to say that there was...I believe that there are some inaccuracies regarding the enterprise zone money that the first initial \$3 million was even labeled social service block grant funds. Under the administration of P.J. Morgan, then Mayor