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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Hilgert, isn't it true that for Catholic Charities to get this money their operation had to be in the enterprise zone area?

SENATOR HILGERT: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: They had such a project operational outside the enterprise zone area, didn't they?

SENATOR HILGERT: It was an operation that was ceased and it was the old Immanuel nurses' dormitory that was no longer compatible with substance abuse residential treatment services. When you have people who have to wear their coats during the winter in the building to go to group, it's hard to concentrate on getting your life back together when you're trying to stay warm in the building.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, Senator Hilgert, who would be able to make application for additional funds of the kind we're discussing?

SENATOR HILGERT: I'm not sure about what, you know, the additional funds. I..I know that federal government gives preference to many organizations and ventures including economic development that are in the enterprise zone. They give special points, additional points and special preference because they're in the enterprise zone.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are you aware of any efforts or activities, I'm asking if you're aware of any, that the city has engaged in designed to bring such development into the enterprise zone areas?

SENATOR HILGERT: I'm not really aware of any specific activities although I know it's the...I believe that it's the intent of Mr. Knudsen and others to do so, but I'm not aware of any specific proposals that they tried to do. I know they're having difficulty at this time with some of the residual funds,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What I...