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had and I would yield my time to Senator Beutler.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Beutler, you have two minutes and 40 seconds.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I don't need the time at the moment. I'd be interested in hearing what other folks have to say, but I thank you, Senator Cunningham.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Cunningham and Senator Beutler. At this time, there are no further lights on, on this particular amendment. Senator Beutler, you'd be recognized to close on the amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, again, this amendment in no way legally affects anything that we're doing in this bill at the moment, but it presents to you an opportunity. It's the opportunity to say this whole system that we've created we don't like. It's costing the taxpayers of the state a whole lot of money, but we have to do it because we're in competition with other states, and we will continue to do it for that reason. But if you're like me and you are, in fact, doing this primarily because we can't get out of this competitive treadmill, then this is your chance to express yourself and say, hey, we don't like it. And as far as I know, the only way we can get off the treadmill is to have the federal government change federal tax policies so that we cannot use these incentives. They've done that on a number of occasions with other things and brought them to a screeching halt, and they could bring all of these incentive programs to a screeching halt through the use and manipulation of federal tax policy. So all we're saying is that part of this bill will be for the Clerk to deliver a message to our representatives in the federal government saying, hey, introduce and enact federal legislation that would effectively curtail...I don't say get rid of completely. I don't know if we can get rid of them all completely. There are certain major things we could get rid of that would mostly solve the problem. But the language says effectively curtail the use of economic incentives by the states while ensuring a fair playing field with respect to economic competition between the states. So if you are like me and, in