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that more money will be available for more businesses, so that it won't be all taken up by a few businesses, that it would spread the money out to be used by many different microenterprises. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Combs. Senator Raikes, followed by Senator Beutler.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Revenue Committee. In order not to be self-congratulatory, I should say the Revenue Committee members who voted to advance this. I think they worked hard and seriously and also, obviously, the Revenue Chairman, Senator Landis, deserves thanks. I'm going to show my thanks by supporting this bracket motion, and I'll suggest to you why I've come down there. This has been an issue that I probably haven't given all the thought it deserves, but I've given it some. And let me just give you a few comments on what kinds of things concern me about this. Senator Landis, in one of his talks, mentioned Missouri and all the different things that Missouri is now doing to incent businesses. And he also described this one as a new generation of business tax incentives. Well, I raise this question. How long is this going to be a new generation? Until the Missouri Legislature meets again, sees what was done in Nebraska and raises it \$100 bucks? Or maybe it will be Iowa, or maybe it will be Kansas, or Colorado, or South Dakota, or Arkansas, some state. My concern is that this is engaging states in a race to oblivion. The businesses we're trying to attract, fortunately, are managed and operated and owned by very, very smart people. They understand how to play one state against the other, and they do that. So if you make an offer to...in one state...I'm talking now about the businesses who are legitimately mobile, and I would remind you that all indications are that that's a small subset. Probably around 30 percent of the businesses that actually take advantage of these are really actually swayed by them or are mobile. But at any rate, those ones that are, are smart enough to play one state against the other. And as they do so, they make sure that they finally get to a point where somebody is willing to pay more than it's worth. And I think, if you look at the results, that's