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it down, and he was a lot bigger than I am. So if this guy sitting over there cannot even deal with words that are spoken, and Senator Landis says he's not going to be made a puppet on the floor of the Legislature, will nevertheless serve as a puppet for the Governor; I say it's just a matter of who pulls the strings, not the status but who is the puppeteer. That's the way I view what he is doing. He's done better work than what's on this bill when it's a bill he wants. You know why I say that? I have labored with bills in the Judiciary Committee that Senator Landis brought, and even when work had to be done on them they were in better shape than this one. If I didn't know what I was talking about I wouldn't say it. There are other people, this might be an improvement on what they can do, to show the level of, you know, ...but anyway, the Governor wants a re-election tool, that's why he's insisting on it being done this way. The Department of Economic Development could be instructed to do what I just suggested, work with the University of Nebraska; they've got something along this line already, so there is the expertise. You don't have to create a new entity. You don't have to give \$200,000 of taxpayers' money to do this. Now, if you wanted to try to hide it in the budget of DED, that's what you do because that's how you play the game. But there is not going to be created statutorily a new entity of government, a new level of bureaucracy; that is not going to be done. And everything mentioned in this bill can be achieved without this bill. If the Department of Economic Development felt that they don't have people over there who have been working all these years and taking that money and don't know how to do their job, then let them ask, in their budget, for \$200,000 to hire a person who can find somebody who's begging and somebody who has something to offer and bring them together and let them work it out the best way they can. This bill does not generate capital of any kind, venture or otherwise. It does not create a loan program, it does not create a market. It does not do any of that, it's a propaganda piece, and that's what I see it as being, and I don't think the Legislature exists for that purpose, unless one of the members of the Legislature wants to use it for that purpose, that's in house. And then we knock down and drag it out, but we decide on the floor that we don't have to run and get instructions from somebody outside the Legislature who has no respect for us in the first place, or