

becomes the most protectionist society there is when it comes to protecting their own business. And, thus, if you want to find the most protectionist group of all, it is people like bankers that want to protect against competition. It is people like telephone companies. It is people who are in any business and they want to make sure a bigger, a better, maybe a more powerful, maybe a better financed business, maybe whatever, new technology, they want to make sure it doesn't come in and compete against them. So not always is business in and of itself the best one to be guarding the hen house, so to speak, when it comes to saying what other business is to be promoted or developed. And so I submit to you, ultimately you have got to have a point of accountability or you have strictly a minigovernment that reflects many business interests and that is going to be counterproductive to your overall purpose of economic development. Economic development might not succeed in the next four years depending upon the Governor and it might succeed but the point is you will have a point of accountability, you will have somebody who you can say do this or do that or we unelect you. Even in the Legislature, even us, have that ultimate accountability every four years which I dread and fear with more trepidation than most of you in here because they hold me so much more accountable than the rest of you, it seems, but even us, we would probably in certain issues act considerably different if it weren't for that point of accountability. So I would argue that if you are going to do economic development, I think the program is fine you have laid out here. I think it is good. But I also think that you had better make sure that you do have the Governor involved and I would urge you to adopt the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Anyone else wish to speak to the DeCamp amendment? Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I support the DeCamp amendment. We have to remember that elections need to mean something. We have to remember that we need to have elections be the great engines by which we drive democratic government, and the more you take government and leave in the hands of quiet, dark corners, advisory groups, you diffuse it to people who are not known and you give them these tasks to do without making them answerable to the public directly, the more you undo the value of elections. We create walls. We have done a lot of