

and the like, that is the way public policy decisions need to be hammered out, and I, for one, find no affection for the notion that we are not capable of making decisions or that the Governor will undo the Department of Economic Development for political ends. We all do tasks for political ends. That is why we were sent here. Politics is a form of resource allocation and of the establishment and competition between values. That is exactly what has to happen in economic development and that is why the Governor is the right person because in so choosing a Governor you are capable of choosing a direction for economic development. To pass this bill without that means you can't find any place on the ballot to vote your conscience and compete between the values that candidates offer you on economic development. It is all talk.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: I support the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Did anyone else wish to speak to the DeCamp amendment? Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members, I appreciate Senator DeCamp's comments and his concerns are some I share as well. I, however, have been working with a group of business organizations on this bill. We have worked long and hard on it, and the amendments that are before you, the committee amendments for Senator Landis's committee, Government, were agreed to by a number of different groups, and so I am not going to vote on this particular amendment at this time. But let me share some insight to you and let you know the situation. First, I think you ought to know what other states do in this area. There are 40 states that appoint the Director of Economic Development through the Governor, and that would be 40 out of the 50. Three have the appointment made by the Governor with the advice or approval of a board or commission, and that would be where Nebraska presently stands. Maine, New Hampshire, and Tennessee, we have the situation where the Governor appoints but a board or commission approve. This bill would change that to where the board or commission would appoint with the approval of the Governor and the Legislature. So it would be kind of similar but turn it around a little bit. Then you have four states that have appointment made by the board or commission, four states