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SENATOR RUMERY: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Bereuter a question or two if he would answer.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Yes Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Bereuter, for a couple of years now the Agricultural and Environment Committee have looked into this land use question, both on the state level and also on the regional level as it pertains to the Midwest Council of Governments and the Agriculture Committee there. There's been quite a little input at those hearings and those meetings. My question is, in the drafting of this bill, and I really don't see any evidence of it, if there was any of that information that you sought out and you used when you drafted this bill.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Senator Carsten, this bill relates only to local land use. Most of the hearings that I know of emphasize state interest in land use. But I would assure you, and you can check this with Senator Schmit's secretary, that I reviewed the transcripts and hearing notes of every single hearing that the Ag and Environment Committee held last year.

SENATOR CARSTEN: OK, then Mr. President, I would like to direct a question to Senator Schmit if I may.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit could you respond to Senator Carsten?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Schmit, having set on the Agricultural Committee for four years and participated in a part of those hearings as it pertained to land use, I was of the opinion that the Agricultural Committee was, this year, going to present, as a committee bill, a land use bill. I'm wondering and am inquiring as to the progress of that anticipation, and what we might expect from your committee.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well Senator Carsten, I guess I could say I'm glad you asked that question. We really have not been negligent. Senator Bereuter has a bill in our committee. The Ag Committee did introduce a bill. We have spent a great deal of time the last few days trying to finalize that bill. It has just come back from the computer this morning what I think is a reasonable compromise of Senator Bereuter's approach and the Ag Committee approach. It will be presented as an amendment to the Ag Committee bill. I would hope that it will meet with Senator Bereuter's approval. He has not seen it yet, but I'm sure that he will be interested in reviewing it. It does provide that for some broad input from individuals, outside of government, in regard to planning and programming. It provides that the Director of the Office of Planning and Programming shall be the coordinator of this committee. Hopefully that they will be able to receive input from across the State of Nebraska, outside of government. I think this represents, perhaps, a different point of view than Senator Bereuter would entertain. All of us have