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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Robak. You've heard the opening on LB 1092A. We're open for discussion. See no discussion. Senator Robak, did you wish to close? Senator Robak waives closing. The question before the body is, shall LB 982 (sic--1092A) be advanced? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 1092A.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 1092A does advance to E & R Initial. Mr. Clerk, next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 1348A, by Senator Wehrbein. (Read title.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wehrbein, to open.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, this bill at...as based on the amendments on General File, total \$1 million each year for two years for the Economic Incentive Fund, Rural Economic Incentive Fund, and \$875,000 for two years to increase the Microenterprise Fund, so the total is about \$3.650, \$3,650,000 for two years only and that's...the A bill is following, of course, the main bill. I realize it's a lot of money and I realize it will be sorted out over the next couple weeks as to whether that amount of money will stay in there, but I believe that this is the necessary amount of money at this point to do an adequate job on these two. As I've said on the debate on the main bill, it's...I consider it a jump-start for this economic opportunities in rural Nebraska. That's the two million. The other \$850,000 a year is necessary to go into that very successful Microenterprise Fund, which is now working across the state, and it's considered adequate funding for that. So, at this point, I'd urge continuation of this bill to stay up with LB 1348, and if there's discussion on it at Select File we can talk about...more about that then.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. We are now open for discussion on advancement of LB 1348A. Senator Chambers.