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you're through with that, when my amendments come up you would look at it carefully and agree that this is the right thing to do; this is the right thing because it helps the whole bill, as far as I can see. I've said from the beginning that I supported this legislation simply because I know the effect of it. I know how it helps create jobs, and jobs pay money, and money pays taxes, and that's what keeps...makes the world go round. So, I...I'm just letting you know that I'm supporting this. I just am trying to get a small, small, small piece for some of our communities who could never reach the level of hiring 250 or 500 people because, first of all, they're not available without bringing them in from the outside; secondly, there's not housing or infrastructure there to support those kind of jobs if they were made available. So I think what I've asked you to do is fair and simple and it's not a tremendous thing. And so if you see that this is a...I want my amendment to go in any event, but I guess certainly if...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...if this amendment were to pass, mine would be certainly a great advantage, would be advantageous to this piece of legislation because the effects could take...would be almost immediately. I think there would be an immediate attempt to secure a part into this piece of legislation. So I hope you look at the overall picture and don't look at this as a rural/urban issue by any stretch. With that, thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Wick...Senator Wickersham, followed by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. President, I'm...I'm sorry that Senator Kristensen is not seeing this amendment for what it is. I'm not attempting to promote a division amongst you. I want you to think about what the true economic conditions in this state are and what we might be able to do about them. Now, if it makes anybody uncomfortable to state that we have a very robust economy in a very limited portion of the state, and that we have a much worse economy in other parts of the state, and you want to continue that, fine. But that's the issue that this amendment begins to address and begins to direct our attention