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authorized at the last session of the Legislature. This notebook is the first fruits of this committee, the Rural Development inventory of the programs that currently exist and that are being funded by the state and federal government and, in some cases, with independent local involvement. There are nearly 50 programs listed that we, as a Legislature, are involved in. There is about \$10 million total funding that is currently being spent. I would indicate to you that the report is being offered in loose-leaf form, so that as the work of the committee continues, they will be available for you to place in updates on the programs as they come on stream. Thank you, sir.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Hall, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, members, just to echo Senator Coordsen's remarks and to give credit where credit is due. Even though Senator Coordsen and I who chair the task force I guess had a little bit to do with this inventory, much of the responsibility, if not all, for compiling this goes to Bill Lock, Research Analyst, in our Research Department, and Bill and the staff up there have done an outstanding job in putting this report together, this inventory which lists the programs that are out there because I know there are many of us that know that there are things going on but, until we see them in black and white, we are not aware, and this is the first time to our knowledge, both Senator Coordsen and myself, that this has been compiled and put into one place. So I think it is an extremely valuable tool and I would urge you all to look at it, get your staffs to look at it, so that they are well aware of the programs that are out there and available to your constituents. With that, I would just again thank Mr. Lock and the folks in Research. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. For a point of personal privilege, the Chair recognizes Senator Richard Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON: Mr. President and members, I rise to thank all of you for the resolution that was introduced on behalf of myself and my family in regards to my mother passing away, and I appreciate all the cards and the well wishes that all have expressed, and I really thank those in even the offices, that workers, that staff and that has expressed. I thank you very much.