

do something like LR 11 to give these communities tools to compete with people across state lines, we're going to lose maybe 15 to 20 communities across this state. That's going to hit Lincoln right between the eyes.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. I ask your cooperation, when you have spoken, turn your light off and then turn it back on if you wish to speak again. Otherwise, it's hard to say what is what. Senator Smith, you are next, please, followed by Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. I rise to vigorously oppose the bracket motion also. I have a few handouts here, some things that have been passed around to us and I've just been taking little notes on them. One of the comments that was made in the handout that deals with an opinion in the Lincoln Journal, talks about it's not purely accidental that the cosponsors of LR 11CA come from Nebraska's smaller communities and they name Senator Scofield's community, Stan Schellpeper's community and Dick Peterson's community and I guess I'm...probably would like to have my name added to those that, yes, we really are worried, we are concerned. We want to be able to have this opportunity which, by the way, when you look at the information that we've been provided also, Lincoln and Omaha already have to a great degree. The 1990 state community development block grant funds break down to \$9.7 million. You all ought to be interested to know that, on the floor, that of this amount, 4.6 million of that \$9.7 million goes to Omaha and then you take off what is left, 3.9 million, nearly 4 million more goes to Lincoln. What is left over is split up among all the other communities across the State of Nebraska, so we're all out there competing already, Senator Wesely, for what is left over, the crumbs you might say of the community development block grants. No wonder you're not interested, but will you be interested in a few years when these federal funds dry up? Will you be the ones coming back in wanting this opportunity? And then will the...the shoe be on the other foot? There is something also very interesting about a little article that appeared in the same paper, in the Lincoln Journal, the same day on some other little page back farther in the paper, there is a little article that says, helping small businesses, and then it goes on to say, the City of Lincoln has forged an effective partnership with private lenders to help small businesses. A report from Mayor Bill Harris reveals that \$532,002 from federal community development block grant resources were wheeled behind