

called a High Plains Knitter and the other one the Dental Video Systems, and they borrowed some of this money and it's still on that revolving loan fund and the bank in Coleridge handles this along with the Coleridge Development Corporation, but it's...it's been real good, real good for a small town. And I know Senator Wesely probably don't care too much for small towns, maybe he does, I don't know, but...but I know that we need to try to help the small rural towns survive and I believe that LR 11 will do this. I realize it's not the total answer and we're not going to save every town, but we should try to help these towns that have the leadership in place and I believe this will do it. We also have the safeguards that are necessary. If the Legislature passes LR 11, it goes to a vote of the people this fall. That's number one safeguard. Then if the people adopt it and I have high hopes that they will, well, then whenever this town wants to implement it, well, they would have to have a vote of the people. So, Senator Wesely, I feel we do have the safeguards in it. I know you live in Lincoln, Nebraska. Lincoln, Nebraska has a lot of government employees and so you don't feel the downturn of the economy in Lincoln, Nebraska like we do in rural Nebraska because in rural Nebraska we're...let's face it, we...we're 99.9 percent dependent on agriculture and as agriculture goes, so these small towns go. So I'd say to my colleagues here this morning, let's go ahead and defeat the kill motion, go ahead and advance this bill and let the voters decide on it, but I'm...I'm certain that the voters will approve this and then let each small town, if they see a good project...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HEFNER: ...go ahead and vote on it and...and I certainly feel that we do have the safeguards so that this here issue will not be abused. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hartnett, please, followed by Senator Landis.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President and members of the body, I also rise to oppose this kill motion of Senator Wesely's. I guess I could say that because of my location next to a...the largest city in the state, I should feel it differently, but as Chairman of the Urban Affairs Committee we have traveled around the state for the last four years and talked to the maybe smaller communities and what they see is a great need for something like