

Bernard-Stevens can hear it. I'm not only an optimist, but I'm a realist, and, by that, what I mean is if they would expend these funds and they were not creating the employment that is intended to be intended in the bill, at the end of that year, at their first reporting date I think that not only would be political suicide for those people, but also if they ever wanted new funds to create any other economic development, it would be also suicidal. So that's why I do have faith in the intention of this particular bill. In response to Senator Coordsen, my good friend and apartment dweller, I don't...I appreciate his concerns over this, too. But again I want to keep reiterating that of all the monies we have to come up with for the ethanol and for the developmentally disabled, which I'm totally in favor of, we also have to create more jobs, more money coming into the state so that we can afford to do those expanding...expenditures that we're going to have in the future. So I would request the body to defeat the bracket motion. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Engel. Senator Dierks, your light is next to speak to the bracket motion.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I stand in opposition to the bracket motion. I've been supportive of this bill since it came to the body. I see it as an opportunity for economic development in rural Nebraska and something we've needed for a number of years. I have sent a letter to all of you, and I think you probably all have received it by now, that says that I'm going to try to bracket my own priority bill this year, which is the bill that deals with sales tax on veterinary supplies. I do that with trepidation because I think it's a serious piece of legislation. I think it's something that would help us also in rural Nebraska. The fiscal note on that bill, if you recall, is \$5.7 million for the biennium, came under pretty severe attack by some members of the body from the standpoint, I think, that they felt that if we were to get \$5.7 million for rural Nebraska incentives then we should have to make that up someplace else for urban incentives. My purpose in bracketing the bill is that I feel it would go nowhere this year because of the financial crunch that Senator Beutler was talking about, and also because I think that over the interim I might be able to provide a little better fiscal note than what we had, I want to work on that anyway and see if I come up with some better figures for the fiscal note. But also, in so doing, I think that I have freed up some of the money that Senator Beutler was concerned about as far as when he