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target value-added agricultural cooperative projects throughout Nebraska. An important and growing component of our economic development is tourism, the third largest industry in our state. And I'm calling for an increase in spending authority from existing state lodging tax funds to begin implementing our strategic plan for tourism. I'm also calling for an appropriation to continue the Nebraska Film Office to allow us to build on the \$17 million film production companies have spent in Nebraska since 1991. It's clear that we face many challenges and many uncertainties. We must rebuild the cash reserve and continue to exercise fiscal restraint. We must find a way to provide Nebraskans with true property tax relief and a personal income tax cut. We can do both, and we need to do both. We must continue our streamlining and efficiency efforts. We must find new tools in our fight against crime and youth violence. We must continue our progress in the fields of education, economic development, and the environment. We have proven that challenges can be positive and bring out the best in each of us. Working together we can continue to defy the status quo and turn these challenges into opportunities for positive change for all Nebraskans. I challenge you to take advantage of these opportunities. We cannot afford to lose them to political gains, partisanship, or pessimism. We recognize and appreciate the great diversity of Nebraska, it's what makes us strong. And we must not allow it to divide us, we're still one Nebraska, and we must strive to do what is in the best interests of all. There are those who think that elected officials can't do what needs to be done, can't set aside partisan differences for the common good, and can't come together to do what's right for the people. I tell them, look at Nebraska. We've done it before. Working together, we'll do it again, we'll seize opportunity from challenge. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: We are now continuing a discussion of the permanent rules. Mr. Clerk, next item on the rules.

CLERK: Madam President, further consideration of proposed rules change number five. The next amendment to that is by Senator Maurstad. Senator, I understand you want to withdraw the amendment I have in front of me, and offer in lieu thereof.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: That's correct.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Is there any objection? Seeing none, it's so