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with an idea that I thought had some merit because it would do some things specifically for neighborhoods in the area of development and assistance, and it's not very...in the total scheme of things it's not all that expensive. Again, I understand that there is a mood in the state, based on some of the Governor's recommendations, to hold spending. This in a sense is not necessarily new money from the standpoint that it's been out there for the last four years, but I understand the Governor didn't see fit to include it in his budget. But I felt it was time to at least give this body a chance to understand what the program was. I'm sure many of you have heard from your constituents about the value of the program and, as a result of that, decided to continue, hopefully continue the program for at least another four years, until we can address all those issues. You know we're in tough times out in the rural areas of Nebraska, and we'll see tough times in the cities, and the villages, and the communities as this works its way into the system as far as a downturn in the economy. And at that particular time we're trying to do something that would maybe help support some of the things that are important to the people of the state, even though they understand that it does cost, in tax dollars, some money. It comes back again to a case of priority, where do you want to put your money? I'm sure there are other programs out there that have a lot of merit, and we need to assess them as we come to them. At this particular time we're looking at a program that I think has proven itself to be of value, and we should take a good, hard look at whether we want to in fact continue to fund this kind of a program that has been so well received across this state. Along with that, I again support Senator Kiel's amendment because it's a little bit different direction, but it broadens out the scope of what we're trying to do for the citizens of this state. With that, if I have any time left, I'll turn it over to Senator Kiel.

SENATOR KIEL: Do I have any time left? How much time?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Kiel, you have approximately one minute.

SENATOR KIEL: Okay. I want to speak very briefly, and I do have my light on, to Senator Hartnett's comments with regard to the weed and seed program. Some of you here may be familiar