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amendments; it undoes the balance that we think we struck, and would provide for a financing mechanism for the bill in main that was presented by Senator Wehrbein. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Kristensen, members of the Legislature, I support the amendment, because I think trying to put these two things together is a rather high risk proposition. And let me tell you what I mean. The beginning farmer side of the proposition is designed, according to the proponent, to try to maintain small farmers and encourage people to get into agriculture, so you have more producers, and by that means cut the flow of labor out of the farm areas, keep people working in the farm areas, and that's the objective. And the question is whether this particular incentive will really have any effect that way. If it does not have an effect, then wouldn't you want to continue the LB 775 incentives in Nebraska so that the people coming out of the rural area have an opportunity for...a better opportunity for employment in Nebraska as opposed to diluting that incentive so that we're noncompetitive with other states, and therefore other states may be in a better position to provide the jobs for people who are coming out of our countryside. In other words, I would argue separate out LB 775 and keep it in its present form so, in case Senator Wehrbein's side of the bill that he's most interested in doesn't work, I think there's a real question about whether you can stop these major economic forces. And Senator Wehrbein is aware of that. But if those major economic forces don't stop and the kids of the farmers need work, isn't it better to have incentives in Nebraska's cities and urban areas and smaller towns, too, for that matter, that provide the most likely opportunity that there will be manufacturing plants and other types of jobs there to absorb the people coming in the countryside, so at least our kids are only a few miles away and not another state away, or halfway across the country, in New York or California. I...you know, I believe I really have bought in, long time ago, to the capitalist theory of maximizing productivity. And I think LB 775 itself is wrong from the point of view of conservative economics. Government shouldn't be interfering in the different states in terms of trying to affect the maximization of economic advantage. But the fact of the matter is Nebraska didn't start