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that response is to attempt, with existing dollars, to create a demand pull and see if that works.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Kiel.

SENATOR KIEL: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature. Senator Wehrbein, could I ask you a couple questions, please?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR KIEL: My understanding is that what we're being asked to do, or at least by some of my colleagues, is to defeat the committee amendments so that we can then adopt Senator Stuhr's amendments? Is that correct?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That's what I would encourage, yes.

SENATOR KIEL: Okay. A couple things then. On balance, would you say that do...by taking that course of action we would improve the employment picture? Would we see...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR KIEL: ...would we see perhaps this creating better employment opportunities or perhaps more people being employed by doing this?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, as it spreads across the state, yes.

SENATOR KIEL: Would you say that...I'm sure you'll say this. Would you say that agriculture's kind of under siege in this state right now?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR KIEL: Would you say then that on balance this would provide more help for ag markets?