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Wehrbein amendment to LB 630. All in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record, please.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of Senator Wehrbein's amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: The amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Madam President, I move the advancement of LB 630 to E & R for engrossing.

SENATOR CROSBY: Any discussion on the advancement of LB 630? Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Madam President. I am going to suggest that if the bill advances that before I will be able to vote for the bill on Final Reading that I think...I think there will have to be some changes. And I...and I feel bad about that because it's a subject that we all have a lot of empathy for and we want to all help the beginning farmer. And I certainly commend Senator Wehrbein for bringing the subject to us and for opening the door and trying to find some answers, and sometimes answers are hard to find and sometimes, as Senator Chambers has suggested, maybe even in this case, maybe there are no answers. But I would...I would feel better if there were a more direct relationship that I could make between the dollars that we're going to be either sacrificing from coming into our state coffers or, in effect, funding. I'd feel better about that if I...if I had a more sure feeling that this was actually going to result in more beginning farmers having a chance to farm. I am trying to...I've been listening to all of the debate and I've been trying to make the connection and feel that this would actually result in more farmers being out there in five years or ten years, and I just, as hard as I try, I can't...I can't make that connection. And I'm fearful that the, in some cases, the quitting or I should say the, as Senator Janssen alluded to, the old geezers, when the geezers quit and they decide to rent out the farm, that this arrangement is simply...it's simply not