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so it was very much of a concern. And I know each year, and this year is no exception, we have a certain number of bills to try to promote economic development in our rural and smaller communities and many times they have a price tag on them, cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. And here we have a opportunity to try to promote the businesses that we already have to stay in our own...in our smaller communities. And it makes a lot of sense to why not do something that's not going to cost anything to promote economic development and to keep dealerships in our smaller communities that we already have without spending a lot of money. I believe this will help to do this, to achieve these means of keeping these dealerships. I think it's a matter of having a dealership close where you can take your automobiles in to have them serviced. Many times, and we've had some reports from other states, where the manufacturer owns the dealership and when a new car showing was taking place the manufacturer's dealership would always have the preference on the most number of cars and the biggest line to show in their new openings for the new models that came up. And many times too, if there's a shortage of some cars, the manufacturer dealerships would have preference of having these cars to be able to sell rather than the dealerships themselves. So I think a lot of our smaller dealers are feeling...feeling they are losing some control now and they're really not very important, and I think this would bring back a...show how important they are, especially to our rural communities. So I would urge you to support LB 1018, not to say that there isn't some maybe amendments or some things that need to be improved on it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kremer. Senator Dierks, on AM2348 to LB 1018. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I just wanted to rise in support of the legislation. I'm sure that most of us had the opportunity to visit with respective dealers in our districts prior to the session and it strikes me somewhat the same thing that we were going through with production agriculture people with the controls by the...by corporate America that were making life pretty miserable for us, and it appears to me that this is an excellent opportunity for us to show that we do support our