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value-added initiatives; and other activities that are deemed necessary to fulfill the purposes. One of the things that I probably will emphasize again what Senator Connealy said is the importance of having these activities in rural areas and staying there. As I've mentioned on the floor and in many other places across the state, we are abandoning infrastructure to the west to some extent and moving it east and it's reflected then in the expenses and the expenditures that we have to make in this body, i.e., school aid, sewers, water, infrastructure of all kinds. This is an effort to keep that local economy across the state viable and there's...it's not possible really to know all the possible ideas that could come from trying to get "entrepreneurials"...people or entrepreneurs to get started in doing some things in our small communities across the state and ultimately building successful businesses, either small or medium size particularly. And this is an effort to keep those out there and so I think it's important to try to keep all of rural Nebraska involved in...in this and try to at least get them up to the area where that we're seeing what the successful part of our state economy, which primarily is Omaha and Lincoln and down the interstate. So this is what it's all about. It's an effort for them to be able to stay home, so to speak, start a new business with a few dollars that the state will give a boost to, and hopefully be successful. There's lots of ideas out there. It's only...none of these idea is...these ideas are only limited by the people that dream them up, and we've heard a lot of good ones in the last few months of what people are doing to grow their own and this is an effort to encourage them and give them some incentive. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I, too, rise in support of this piece of legislation. Many of the things that I would have probably said have already been said. As many of you probably are aware, I had...we originally talked about the bill that I have and Senator Wehrbein's being perhaps put together, but we are trying to, both of us, do what we think is the right thing for rural Nebraska. I'm not going to stand here and repeat a lot of things because I think all of you know it, that we are under some tough times, and we, as a Legislature, are committed to