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Nebraska. And this is...it also has \$875,000 for additional funding for the Microenterprise Partnership Program. I believe it's a bill that should be strongly considered by this body in order to help rural Nebraska help itself, and that's really what it's all about. There are some amendments here that I know will be taken up, and I will discuss those as they come. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Dierks, we're on LB 1348, Agriculture...a bill that was referred to the Agriculture Committee and we're on the committee amendments, if you'd like to open on those committee amendments. Senator Dierks, you're recognized to open on the committee amendments to LB 1348.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. President. I guess I thought that I had done that once, but we haven't, is that right? The committee amendments redo the bill. It strikes the original sections and puts a new section in there. What it does is to...one of the major things it changes is the amount of dollars that are going to be spent on this. It reduces from \$7 million I think to \$2 million. That may come in the A bill but I think we did that with one of the committee amendments, too, and I am sorry but I'm caught a little bit...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Dierks, you are correct and you did open on the committee amendments, so we can proceed to debate on the committee amendments since you already opened on them.

SENATOR DIERKS: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: I apologize. Senator Chambers, you're recognized to debate the committee amendments to LB 1348.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Before I begin, I would like to ask Senator Wehrbein a question for purposes of clarification before I start.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wehrbein, what would be the total amount of General Fund money on this...for this bill?