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which if the tip of my finger with a drop of water might ease, that I have an obligation to dip my finger and apply that drop of water. So I'm supporting the committee amendments and I'm going to support the bill.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. On the Chambers amendment to the committee amendments to LB 1348, Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I support this bill and I support the bill because I have seen what economic development activity has done for the economy of our state. And I also believe that in the economic circumstances that agriculture is facing right now, we need to do more, but I'm not willing to avoid acknowledging what we've done in the past, and what we...what we're doing right now in different ways. The federal government is certainly doing a lot; \$437 million dollars in market loss payments poured into the state because of the emergency situation that we have in agriculture. The Third Congressional District was the congressional district that received more payments than any other district in the nation, and I think that there were people within our state who worked very hard to see that happen, and I think that we can take some pride in that. I also believe that some of the 775...a number of the 775 projects have been in more rural areas. I would assume that Senator Cudaback would say that the Frito-Lay project is one that has been helpful, not just for the community but for agriculture in the surrounding area. I think that maybe Senator Connealy might say that Cargill has been a project that has benefited agriculture in that area. And so there are things that we have done and I just don't feel comfortable, even though I feel very comfortable in supporting this bill because I think that what we have done in economic development has benefited all of our state, I don't feel comfortable in making it sound like we have been clos...that we've closed our eyes to the agriculture situation, and that those of us who are urban senators don't realize that agriculture is the basis of our economy, because we do. And, yes, I'm going to support the bill and, yes, I believe that we need to do more, but I think that we have done things and it makes me uncomfortable when I hear saying that it has only been for one sector of the economy that we have done economic