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title. It adds the words "and rural" to that particular section and other relevant sections of the bill so that the purpose of the bill is consistent throughout. And I think that's the only thing that this particular amendment does. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Wehrbein, on the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President, I support Senator Beutler's amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Further debate. Senator Beutler, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Waive closing.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Beutler waives closing. The question is the adoption of AM2789 to the committee amendments of LB 1348. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is agreed to. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Beutler would move to amend with AM2793. (Legislative Journal page 1032.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Beutler, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Members of the Legislature, AM23...2793 clarifies the distinction that I understood Senator Wehrbein to intend clearly. It has to do with the definition of what projects are, and by the way, part of the amendment builds in consistency to that definition in a couple of other sections of the bill. But it, basically, says that a project does not mean and grant funds shall not be used for any activity primarily designed to contribute to a single business, enterprise or individual. And then I've added to that "or designed to subsidize an existing farming or ranching operation" because as I understand the purpose of the bill, it's not to...it's clearly not to simply subsidize an existing operation but rather to