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ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment is offered by Senator Beutler. This is AM2794. (Legislative Journal page 1033.)

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

SENATOR BEUTLER: Members of the Legislature, in Section 4 of the bill, which is the key section because it describes the grant programs and what the money can be used for, in subsection (d), it indicates that it can be used to support small enterprise formation in the agricultural sector of Nebraska's rural economy, which is language that sounds appropriate to me. And then it says and to enhance self-employment opportunities in all Nebraska communities. I didn't see the purpose of that language in the first place, and it bothered me a little bit that it said all communities because this is not a bill for Lincoln and Omaha. I don't think there should be any question about that, and so actually my basic intent is to enhance and retain and be sure that there is nothing in there that suggests that this is other than rural and agriculture support, which I think is the...is Senator Wehrbein's intent. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members, I initially was going to oppose this but perhaps what Senator Beutler is saying can be construed to say that it would be in all Nebraska communities because I did like the self-employment opportunities in Nebraska communities and it doesn't define Nebraska communities as being rural here, so you simply say support small enterprise formation in the agricultural sector of Nebraska's rural economy, period, and strikes the rest. Without, so as not to be nitpicky, I'm willing to take that out at this point and support your amendment. I may look at it again on Select if we need to, but I, at this point, I will support his amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Beutler, you're recognized to close. Senator Beutler waives closing. The question is the adoption of AM2794 to the