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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Matzke, you're recognized to open on your amendment to the committee amendments to LB 936.

SENATOR MATZKE: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members of the Legislature. It's sort of ironical. This is a clean-up amendment before we even get started on the committee amendments. This is AM2911, which takes about two pages and it changes some of the wording in the committee amendments and just cleans up some of the language. Instead of "average regional", it changes that to "regional average" in a number of different paragraphs. It also renumbers paragraph numbers of certain sections. The only thing that it does substantively is it inserts a reference to the \$100,000 investment requirement that apparently inadvertently was left out of the committee amendments. So I would ask that we clean up the committee amendments with AM2911 before we proceed to the committee amendments. I would ask the adoption of AM2911.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Matzke. Senator Hilgert, on the amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Senator Matzke, can I just ask you a couple quick questions regarding this bill? I do have a couple of concerns. Some time ago when I arrived we had a significant number of counties in Nebraska that have yet to get zoned, and I know that progress has been made significantly and a number of those counties now have zoning. Does this bill or have you addressed any aspect of...that this would apply only to a county where zoning is in place, or is that not addressed in the bill?

SENATOR MATZKE: No, there...Senator Hilgert, there's really no relationship between this and the zoning bill at all. This is strictly a bill somewhat similar to LB 775 which provides incentives for increasing employment. The zoning bill relates obviously to zoning and to "greenbelting" and a number of other issues, so I...there's...there's no reference to zoning at all in this bill.

SENATOR HILGERT: Okay. Well, my concern and why I bring that forward in this bill is that if the state is going to be in the position of subsidizing expansion of businesses, and I'm not