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opportunities as just that, as an opportunity for education, not only for myself but hopefully an opportunity for your education as well about various aspects of these programs. But the committee amendments make several changes, as I've noted, to the bill as introduced by Senator Matzke on behalf of the Governor. I would suggest to you that the two principal changes are in what you would see as Section 5, the discussion in the committee statement concerning the level of wages that would have to be paid and how that's calculated in order to qualify under the act, and also the sunset. Other changes are, for the most part, technical and clarifying. Those are two substantive changes that are made in the committee amendments, but I would urge your adoption of the amendments.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. The question is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 936. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of committee amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Committee amendments are agreed to. Debate on the advancement of LB 936? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I offered some amendments that I thought would help the bill or at least clarify it. One of them was adopted. I still don't like the bill and what it's doing. I'm going to stay with LB 1348. I will guarantee a veto of LB 1348 if this bill passes. LB 1348 is crafted, even though I don't like the approach it's taking, to give some kind of affirmative, quantifiable assistance to identifiable groups or individuals or organizations who can meet the requirements. This is one of those bills which is based on the notion of hoping that somebody is going to start a business in order to get these tax breaks; that without these tax breaks a business is not going to open in these rural areas. When you look at the relatively small amounts that are going to be available, I don't know what businesses of any size that could have any impact will start in these rural areas just to get the break on the corporate income tax, especially when the population base is going to continue to