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you wish to continue.

**SENATOR BEUTLER:** No, I think I made the points I wanted to make. I hope you all will consider simply on the merits, on the merits alone consider why we should have three bills instead of two bills this session dealing with economic development in the rural areas. Thank you.

**SENATOR CUDABACK:** Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Bourne, followed by Senator Vrtiska and Senator Kristensen. Senator Bourne, on the bracket motion.

**SENATOR BOURNE:** Thank you, Mr. President, members. I rise in support of the bracket motion. Earlier today I spoke in favor of LB 936. I had indicated that I'm aware of how much the rural economy needs some help and I supported LB 936 because of that. I also supported LB 1348 because of that. I'm firmly convinced that we need to do something to help the rural part of our state, a very important part of the state. However, I've read both LB 1348 and LB 1222, and at the time that I read those bills, I thought they were drafted by the same person. They're so similar that it's not really...it's very interesting how similar they are. And after I read them, I thought, well, I'm sure that once we get into the debate that Senator Vrtiska or Senator Wehrbein will explain how they are different. But since we've done LB 1348 first, I guess the burden, if you will, is on Senator Vrtiska to explain how his is different. I don't see how they're different. I don't really think that help...I think to help the rural economy we need to do that, but we need to do it in a measured, precise manner without just throwing money at a situation. So I do support the bracket motion because I don't believe LB 1222 provides any additional solutions to a very real problem that we do have in the state.

**SENATOR CUDABACK:** Thank you, Senator Bourne. Senator Vrtiska, on the bracket motion. Senator Vrtiska. I do not see Senator Vrtiska. Senator Kristensen. Senator Kristensen. Senator Kristensen, did you wish to speak on the bracket motion?

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Mr. President, I would ask the Chair to have us stand at ease for just five or ten minutes, please.