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Department of Economic Development will be reviewing the grant applications and basing their judgment with a committee that's going to determine where the funding should go outside of the middle \$500,000. We're satisfied that whoever comes in with a project that is worthy will end up utilizing some of those funds, and we think that's the way it should be. I'm pleased, and again want to thank Senator Connealy and Senator Wehrbein for working with me and coming to a compromise that seems to be in the best interests of everyone, particularly the people of the state, along with this body. So with that, I'd urge your support for the passage of this bill. Thank you very much.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. Both of these bills came through Ag Committee, and they both dealt with somewhat the same topic, and that's actually to try to improve the economy of rural Nebraska. So we're pleased that they've been able to come to agreement on these two bills. I think that we had attempted to do that a little bit in committee, but were unable to do so. But I think that with this agreement that we're on the right track now, and it will do some...provide some dollars for some people that are trying to do some innovative things in rural Nebraska. With that, I would urge your support of the amendment and then the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Any further discussion on the Wehrbein amendment? Seeing none, Senator Wehrbein, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I don't know that there's any more to say. I urge the passage of this, which will then become the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. You've heard the closing. The question is the adoption of the Wehrbein amendment to LB 1348. All in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record, please.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of Senator Wehrbein and Connealy's amendment.