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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I recognize this is getting late in the session, and everyone has some things they need to do. But I rise to strongly oppose this amendment onto this bill. I think, in the first place, it's a stretch on germaneness, although I'm not going to raise that issue. But it certainly does cover a different area of Nebraska. But I'm concerned that with the work that we've had to do on LB 1348, with Senator Vrtiska's bill and mine, and I just believe the bills are incompatible. I think Senator Kiel's measure ought to stand on its own and debate that. I am actually personally opposed to it on a freestanding basis, but I don't want to let that interfere with her ability to bring it forward as far as its own idea. But I do oppose it on this bill, and I think also that it's going to damage... I don't know where this is going to lead, but I think it will impact the ability for this bill to become law. And so I oppose attaching this bill to...this amendment to this bill at this time.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I rise in support of the amendment, Senator Wehrbein. And you know, one of the maybe good things about getting older is your memory is kind of selective and you don't always remember who supported this on the last time around and who didn't support it on the last time around. But the issue is good, and it should be adopted. And Senator Kiel has brought this time and time again. It's gone before the Appropriations Committee, it's gone before the Urban Affairs Committee. And it's an issue that I think provides some of the same kinds of benefits for our urban neighborhoods as for our rural communities. This also can provide the same kind of benefits for our rural communities. The neighborhoods that I'm familiar with here in Lincoln put a lot of sweat equity into their neighborhoods. And oftentimes, they don't really have a lot of money with which to function. This would give them an opportunity to not only use their sweat equity to build their neighborhoods, but to apply for some grants that would give them a little bit added extra punch. So Senator Kiel, I don't blame you for doing this again. I will support it again, and I hope there's not a lot of serious opposition to it, because I think