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LB 936

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Question is, shall...adopt the E & R amendments to LB 936? Those in favor say aye. Those opposed nay. The amendments are agreed to.

CLERK: Mr. President, I now have an amendment, Senator Baker, the amendment you had given me the other day, AM3031. I understand you want to withdraw that one now, Senator?

SENATOR BAKER: Yes.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Baker would move to amend with AM3250. (AM3250, Legislative Journal page 1526.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Baker, recognized to open.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members. It's the same exact amendment, but the E & R amendments precipitated a new white copy, so I had to redraw the...have the amendment redrawn. Very briefly, what the amendment does is it lowers the \$100,000 investment per employee to \$50,000 per employee in counties that have fewer than 3,000...a 3,000-member work force. I don't know whether it's up on your machine yet, but we're targeting the 44 most rural counties this way; that there's 44 counties with fewer than 3,000 people in their work force and we felt it was something that needed to be done. There are a lot of potential jobs out there in telemarketing and so on and it would..it would increase..hopefully increase those people siting these "telework" companies in the small counties. It simply doesn't take \$100,000 investment to get these people set up in a building. So it's a very simple amendment. It targets the 44 smallest counties as far as labor force. It says 3,000 counties or 3,000...a labor force of 3,000 or less, the investment is dropped to \$50,000, that's all it does. It leaves the other requirements the same as far as one-half of one percent and the amount of the wages and so on. With that, I'd be glad to answer any questions. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Baker. Debate on the Baker amendment. Senator Matzke.