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from under the control of the state for the simple reason, they'd like to become a nonprofit organization that can actually get more funds than they were able to get from the state, and do the work that they need to do that Senator Chambers was talking about. And you have to admire an agency who's willing to take themselves by the bootstraps and raise the money as a nonprofit corporation to carry out the work that they have been doing and will continue to do. It's not as though the institution is being destroyed and done away with. It's just a different direction. It became a code agency, as you remember, a few years ago, with a great deal of debate on this floor at that time. There was questions about whether it should be a code agency or continue as it was. It ended up being a code agency. And...but unfortunately, as most of us know, the amount of money that was funnelled to this agency was not that great. As a result, their feeling is, and I think correctly so, that they can do a better job independently than they can being supervised by the state, or controlled by the state. So I support this, because it's what they want to do, and I think it's in the best interest of agriculture as a whole and the rural areas of Nebraska that it becomes an independent agency. And for that reason, I will continue to support this legislation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. Senator Chambers, I need to ask you a couple of quick questions.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Do you consider me to be a rural senator?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Say it again?

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Laugh) Well, I consider you to be a rube, but not a robe...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Rural. Rural. (Laugh)