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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, rogue.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Rural.

SENATOR CHAMBERS. Oh, rural.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, I don't consider you to be a rural senator.

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

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, I don't consider you to be a "Repelican." Far be it from that.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Do you see my name on this bill?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What's the number of this bill?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: LB 92.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Because I have several I'm working. Yes, I do.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: So it's not just rural senators, and it's not just Republican senators or...there are others of us who are on this bill because we believe that this is the right thing to do. And let me tell you why I became convinced that this is the right thing to do. The person who is the director for the Center for Rural Affairs, and others, have told me that under the National Rural Development Partnership of the 2002 Farm Bill, it is necessary to reorganize and restructure the Nebraska Rural Development Commission as a nonprofit entity. The United States Department of Agriculture, the administrators of the partnership, have interpreted that a state rural development council must be an independent entity, not controlled by any other entity, including state government. USDA has advised that the method Nebraska currently organizes and selects its Rural