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Development Commission is contrary to USDA requirements for an open membership such...or, structure that is not controlled by a single entity. Now, rightly or wrongly, whether you approve of their ideas or not, that's kind of the way...those are the facts of life. Since we cut off all the state funding for this particular agency, then if we don't do something like this, they're without any federal funding either. And I think you remember that I was one of those persons who fought hard to get it made a state agency. I also fought hard last year so that the funding wouldn't be disbanded. But the funding was cut. And so this, to me, is the next logical step, and the only step that we can take to save the Rural Development Commission. And I think people on both sides of the aisle, if you will, see the merit in doing that. Thank you.

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

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I now see why a Democrat was included among that number, because a Democrat brought forth information that had not been presented to us before. But I'm still going to go down the path I was headed. I told Senator Connealy I was going to use this bill to make some comments, and I'm going to. Senator Schimek has pointed out why this must be done. But let me ask Senator Schimek a question or two now.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Schimek, would you yield to a question, please.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, I will.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Schimek, the state would not be prohibited by federal law or anything else from establishing a commission of this kind and adequately funding it.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That is correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But the fact of life is that the Nebraska Legislature is not going to fund it adequately, so it cannot do the job it was set out to do. So...