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SENATOR SCHIMEK: That is...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...or, is that true?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, that is correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So now, in desperation, the commission as it exists now must be erased so that the individuals interested in achieving the commission's goals can strike out on a different path and beg money now from some other source, in effect?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, in a sense you're right, Senator Chambers. But you know, it's like a lot of other things around here that kind of become political footballs, if you will, and get kicked around a lot. I think the Rural Development Commission has struggled for a number of years, and I think this will allow it some stability and allow it to grow and develop even more than it has in the past.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Members of the Legislature, let me get back on my hobby horse. That's a term that appeared in a writing called Tristram Shandy, by a guy named Laurence Sterne, I think. It was so long ago. I'm correct. I've just been told by our resident literary expert. Rural interests are not adequately represented on this floor by the rural senators. Rural senators are fearful. Rural senators fold. Rural senators cave in. And rural senators are not taken seriously. They will be approached when somebody's trying to cobble together some kind of coalition to get votes. You know how dumb some of my rural colleagues are? I'm not going to call names. Brothers and sisters, I just make hats. If your number comes up and you put it on your head, be quiet, and nobody will know that it fit. I just make hats in various sizes. The Governor, during one of the special sessions, offered a bill that would delay the LB 775 plunderers, the pirates, the raiders of the treasury, from getting their money as quickly as they ordinarily would. Senator Brashear carried the ball for the corporations, as I know he's going to do. He knows that I know it. Everybody knows that. So even though I'm saying it in his absence, it's not saying something unfair behind his back. I spoke for the Governor's bill. He did not defend it. I said