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how far I'm going to go. I'm going to purchase ten cups...ten, t-e-n, tin cups, t-i-n. And I'm going to write the word "gimme" on each one, and tell Senator Stuhr to give them to each of the members. Because you know what? The rural sector is reduced, again, to begging. You have to do what's necessary to survive. All of us understand that. But I've seen in the statute other operations that receive considerable state funding, or they're allowed to impose fees and so forth to raise money. But they also can accept gifts, grants, and handouts from any and everybody. Because of the circumstances already described by senators Stuhr and Schimek, that would be out of the question. So this bill, I think, ought to be voted on, so that this commission can move on on its own. But you notice, it's a rural entity that generally is reduced to having to do that. Now, if the Chamber of Commerce comes in here and tells the Legislature, sit up and beg, even rural senators sit up and beg, and they don't get anything out of it. It boggles my mind that all of the power, the latent power that the rural senators possess is going to waste. What do you all think I would do if I just had ten other senators that I could rely on? Only ten. No, I will bargain, in the way Abraham bargained with God when God said he was going to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah. You're going to destroy it if there are...you'll save it if there are ten people? Yeah, Lot, if you can find me ten righteous people I won't destroy it with my weapons of mass destruction. So Lot said, now that I've got him to talking, maybe I can get something else out of him. Lord, would you destroy a city for the lack of one? If I can find nine, what about it? Well, since God knows everything, from what we're taught, he knew there weren't nine, so he said sure, Noah,...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...I mean, Lot. In fact, eight, seven, six, five. Lot said, I don't want to be unreasonable. I know I can find five. Now, somebody should check me, because it may not have been Lot who was doing the bargaining. Lot was not the bargainer for the people in Sodom and Gomorrah. Lot was the one who had a family there. And Lot was the one who fled from the city. And it was Lot's wife who looked back, based on what some man wrote, and turned into a pillar of salt. Craziest thing I