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pages, two different handouts. One is a county-by-county designation listing of the properties that are on the historical list, and the second is a handout dealing with the tax incentives that other venues have entered into. I would say that to do this is a step in the direction of preserving our heritage. If we don't do it, who will? And think about the fact that there are existing roadways, existing structures, the infrastructure, the sewer, things like that are all generally going to these particular properties, so we don't involve a lot of new expenditures, but generally we involve the opportunity for this Legislature, at a future time, to make enabling legislation that will allow the communities to go forward with these kinds of projects. And with that, I thank you for your support of LR 2CA, and I would be glad to answer any questions. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Pederson. You've heard the opening on LR 2CA. We will now go to speakers, and, Senator Smith, you're recognized.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Madam President. Members, I rise in support of LR 2CA. I'd like to share a story that may have taken place in my district, but I think it applies to districts across Nebraska, and especially rural Nebraska. We see old historical structures becoming of age and they fall into disrepair, but let me share specifically what happened in Scottsbluff. A large, old, neat historical structure was divided into apartments from originally a hotel and, as many old buildings become, they kind of fall apart and tend to be a low-rent area and, nonetheless, in this case in Scottsbluff, there were a lot of police calls to the area because of some crime issues, and all of a sudden the building sold to a historic preservation buff, who comes in and redoes the whole building, turns it into a bed and breakfast. I think bed and breakfasts are the thing to do a lot of times for these old buildings but, nonetheless, the cost to the public went down because there were fewer police calls and other examples of less of a burden to society because of the improvements to the property, and enhanced economic development as a result. But what happened is the property taxes in this certain situation make the whole proposal much less profitable. And I'm not