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makes clear that as to those LB 775 benefits, that they are repealed only from and after the date of new applications, but they continue to exist and be a part of the law as it relates to applications filed prior to the effective date of the bill. That's the purpose of the amendment. It is a clarification. I believe you heard Senator Landis indicate that he had no objection to it. And I would urge your adoption of the amendment to the amendment. I'm also standing in support of the amendment to the...the amendment, committee amendment, because I believe that as...in truth and in fact, we have worked out...LB 270 does benefit or not benefit, as Senator Landis has described it, first of all. Secondly, we have worked out and will adopt a rural tier amendment, which a number of you are a part of achieving. That will be adopted as an amendment to division five. And that will consummate this opportunity to make...to lower the threshold for the rural tier, make it, the LB 775 portions of the law, more beneficial to the rural portions of the state. And I think that's all for the greater good. I would urge your adoption of this amendment and the floor amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. Would Senator Brashear respond to a question?

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR JENSEN: Senator Brashear, by your amendment then, anyone that has an existing contract, that would not be touched whatsoever. It's only those that would enter into an agreement after this point. Is that correct?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: That is correct, Senator Jensen. It makes it prospective only in application, from and after the effective date of the law.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you. I certainly stand in support of this. I get very concerned any time that we here in the