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happened to the rural areas. We own some land up in Dakota County, and the person that farms it comes 40 miles to farm the land. And he has not only that land, but lots of other lands. And so that's the reality of life, is that some of these counties are never going to grow. They're a great place to hunt and fish and so forth, but they are not going to grow. And I think that's a reality of life. I was going to give up my time to Senator Landis but he's not back. Senator Bromm, do you want some time or...do you want some time to talk?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bromm, you have about a minute and ten seconds, if you care to use it.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you very much. I think I can use that minute. I want you to know that this idea wasn't totally hatched over night, although most...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SPEAKER BROMM: ...of it was. Back in the year 2000, I introduced LB 1137 to the Revenue Committee, which was substantially this idea, not quite as...probably not drawn as well as this one is actually, but it was an idea. And they killed the bill. And Senator Landis made the motion and some of my good friends that are still on the committee voted to kill it. And it was supported by people like the Sahara (sic) Club and citizens promoting environmental stewardship, and my cointroducer, Senator Engel, had had opposition from IBP and the Chamber of Commerce. So it was killed seven to nothing. But I still think it's a good idea, and so I'm still asking you to consider it as an option.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Jensen, followed by Senators Maxwell, Aguilar, Bromm, Landis. Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the