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at when we were in the committee is do we need a rural tier, and I think I heard from my...I represent an urban area, we don't need a rural tier, that we're already paying that. I think that's what I heard. Now maybe the two senators can straighten me out, but that's what I remember. We don't need...we don't need a different tier. We need the same one. And now we're hearing we do. But if you look at the facts on the projects in the past, the areas that have...they're a pretty good-sized city--Waverly, 36, 25; Auburn, 35 for men, 18 for women; Aurora, 29 and 20--all higher. These are the cities that have qualified for LB 775 because I think they're probably geographically located where they have the...you need a mass of people to do it. And so the wages are there in the rural areas. The wages are there. So I think I rise to support this amendment and I...and why have we not done it before? I think it's the...we weren't smart enough. (Laugh) The three of us that are left in the body that supported this amendment, Senator Landis and Senator Wehrbein and myself, were not smart enough when we first passed LB 775 to put a wage component. With all other legislation since that time, we have, and so that's why we're trying to do it; rectify our mistake 17 years later. And, Senator Schimek, I'll give the rest of my time to Senator Chambers.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How much time do I have, Madam President?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute and 42 seconds.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, and thank you, Senator Hartnett. Members of the Legislature, we're not talking about different regions here in terms of having a salary differential. We're talking about one state. If anybody would stand on this floor and tell me that somebody who lives in a rural area makes all purchases in a rural area, I'd tell that person either you're a fool or you're a liar. If they come into a store in Omaha and say, I live in a rural area, is the store going to say, well, we will reduce by 10 percent what you have to pay for a loaf of bread; by 10 percent what you pay for an article of clothing? Absolutely not. This is one state and...