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In other words, as time passes, what we asked of companies has shrunk and it has shrunk by over 50 percent. So the committee was not of a mind to reduce the \$3 million level to \$2 million. What you have here is \$3 million, 20 jobs, not 30, and for counties of 20,000 or less. I would ask for the advancement of this portion of the committee amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. You've heard the opening on FA1208, the fifth component of the divided committee amendment to LB 608. Open for discussion on that component, Senator Bromm, followed by Senator Chambers.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President. I did have an amendment filed to this section and I have decided to wait and refile that on Select File. But I would like to enter into the discussion just a little bit and perhaps ask Senator Landis a question or two. There are 78 counties that are below the 20,000 threshold. So I think the 20,000 population threshold is a good one. I think the committee picked an appropriate number in that respect. However, I am curious, what has been referred to, I think it was LB 936 that was previously passed, that was to be a rural economic development bill that we had no applications under. And I would ask Senator Landis, if I could, enter into a dialog or ask him a couple of questions on that.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Do you yield to a question, Senator Landis?

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Landis, under LB, I believe it was, 936, the level of investment that was required, do you recall what that was approximately? And I know it was a multiple, I think, of...it wasn't a dollar amount but a multiple formula type investment.

SENATOR LANDIS: I can't off the top of my head tell you but I can get it before we finish debate on this amendment.

SPEAKER BROMM: Okay, and the number of employees, was that a formula also? Or was it a set number?

SENATOR LANDIS: It was a formula, and the contents of that formula I don't recall, but I'll see if I can't get it for you