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forthwith.

SPEAKER BROMM: Okay. Well, I guess, and this is why I thought maybe we would wait and take this up a little more on Select File, but I'm interested in comparing what we're suggesting here with what didn't work. There's no point in doing what...more of what didn't work, and I'm not sure what would work. My amendment that I was going to propose would lower the threshold to \$1 million and 10 jobs. I'm not sure that that's the appropriate level, but I do know that in rural areas, 20 jobs or 30 jobs could be a lot. I think one of the ways we'll revitalize some of our rural areas will be 10 jobs at a time, 15 jobs at a time. And those are the kinds of entities, if you can entice them or if you can spur them to develop with people that are already living there, of course, those are the kinds of businesses that will stay. Those are the kinds of businesses that are not a...do not create a hardship on our social programs. They don't create a hardship on our infrastructure, on our utilities, or our schools, but they are important. If they are good jobs and if there's a dozen of them, I'd take those every day of the week. And I'm not sure that we've hit on the right incentive yet for our rural areas. So I think we need to study a little bit more but I do appreciate that there is that component in the bill. I'm going to support adopting this component in the committee amendments and advancing the bill with the idea that I think we will work more on this section of the bill between now and Select File, and try to come up with a little bit more background in what didn't work and what's been referred to as the Matzke bill that was...that he carried for the Governor at that time. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Vrtiska on FA1208. Senator Chambers passes for now. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. I just wanted to rise to discuss the very subject that Senator Bromm has been talking about, and that is the level that you require in order to qualify for some of these incentives. I remember the debate on I think it was LB 936, I think that's what it was, and the discussion we had at that time was the very thing we're talking