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Then they whine about impractical programs that are offered them as a sugar-tit. And I will stand on this floor and try to show them that this is nothing. It cannot help rural economic development. And in every case, I've been shown to be correct. Not because I'm brilliant. It doesn't take brilliance to see what was going on and what does go on. When it comes to beguiling, bewitching, bebothering, and bewildering the representatives of rural areas, all they have to be told by these big shots and their representatives is the following: we really mean this time we're going to help you. And the "ruralies" swallow it. So desperate are they, in such a state of denial, that they will not face the reality. And until we look at and analyze and acknowledge the reality of what is happening in rural and farming sectors of this state, nothing we do is going to accomplish anything. This bill is not going to improve the overall economic health of the rural areas. It's not designed to do that. It is not aimed at the day-to-day life and problems of people who live in rural areas, just as many of the so-called uplift programs, that are supposedly designed to benefit poor people and black people, fritter away more money in administration and on people whose interests are hostile to ours and poor people's interest. That's why we are skeptical about government programs. We do not feel the government is overbearing, that the government cannot put together a program that would be helpful in solving a problem. We're skeptical about those who get the job of administering it. Remember, as I've said, and I'll say it again, it is not the laws enacted by the government or the Legislature, it is not the rules and regulations drafted, promulgated, and adopted by an agency. The power is in the hands of those who administer, apply, and interpret laws and rules and regulations. And they are the ones who give government programs a bad name. Money is money, and it spends everywhere. But there are wily stalkers after government programs, who know how to funnel that money into their pockets and the pockets of their cronies. The rural areas will never be what people, during those nostalgic moments of romanticism, want to persuade themselves that they were. Those rural areas never were like that, never will be like that.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.