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counties that are small, right on the edge of town? Hmm. And if you wanted to go to the town you could go just outside of town and do something different, special, bedroom community. I don't know. Look, there is a certain amount of arbitrariness, but I oppose the Smith amendment. There's no way not to have a certain amount of arbitrariness, but counties with 25,000 or more are urban in this state. They're not urban in California or Florida or Texas, but they're urban in this state. A special program designed to make rural Nebraska do better, to give an incentive or a program for them, needs to recognize that these are essentially urban areas. They're urban marketplaces. I don't think you want to establish a situation where 300 yards outside the city limits it's one rate, and then if you're in the city limits it's another. I'm not sure that's a wise idea. Is there a place to draw the extension? We use county boundaries. Those are 11 urban counties. This program would apply in 82 other counties and, given the distribution of resources that we're now spending, it seems fair to me. I oppose the Smith amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Bourne, on the Smith amendment.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President. Members, seeing as how we just got this 17-page amendment here a few minutes ago, I'm going to ask some questions to try to figure out exactly what we're doing here. And, Senator Bromm, would you yield to a question, please?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bromm, do you yield to a question from Senator Bourne?

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you. Senator Bromm, I'm trying to get a handle of what we're doing here and, again, I just had the opportunity to see this amendment about 15 minutes ago. And on General File we had an extensive debate over whether or not slaughterhouses were included in those entities eligible for LB 775 credits, and in looking in the amendment I don't see where that language is that allows slaughterhouses to be eligible for these credits and am I missing it or...? We had an extensive debate, if you recall, on General File, over...