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SPEAKER BROMM: Oh, yes, I recall that. This amendment leaves the qualification...the qualifying businesses the same as they were before, so slaughterhouses are not excluded under this amendment.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. I guess I don't see where they are included as well, but perhaps we can talk about that in a few minutes. I just, again, I remember that extensive debate. I think we did adopt that, where slaughterhouses should be included, and I didn't see the language that either includes them or excludes them, so I thought I'd try to make that clear. Now, are you saying that this amendment only applies to the rural tier, or does this apply to the entire LB 775 program on the whole?

SPEAKER BROMM: It applies just to the rural tier,...

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay.

SPEAKER BROMM: ...counties 25...under 25,000.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. And Senator Landis, when we had the first round of debate, had, through his original bill, eliminated what was known as the LB 270 program because it wasn't being used, and that added about \$4 million to our balance sheet, if I remember correctly. Senator Landis is shaking his head. He can...I'm actually asking Senator Bromm a question. But it seemed to me that, because we eliminated that program, we did add some money to our balance sheet, and I'm just curious how this new amendment, this new bill here, affects that. And do you have any idea what the A bill associated with this program would be with your amendment, AM2005?

SPEAKER BROMM: I will let Senator Landis respond in a second. This leaves LB 270 removed and so the benefit of that money would come back, would still be on the balance sheet, except that we're using it for this rural tier amendment. And if you'd permit me, I'd let Senator Landis elaborate on that.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you. Senator Landis, would...