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that reason, I'm going to be supporting the Smith amendment. I think it's an improvement. I don't think companies should be in or out of the incentive program just based on their county location if everything else is equal. And so, with that, I'll return the remaining amount of my time to Senator Smith. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you. Senator Smith, did you wish to use the time?

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Madam President and members. I've just been going over the state map here and looking at what would be considered rural and what would be considered urban without AM2006. But certainly a line has to be drawn somewhere, but I would urge the body to look at a map and look at some of the towns around Nebraska. I mean I look at Wellfleet, Nebraska, for example, that is, oh, probably 50 miles, 40-50 miles from North Platte, certainly not necessarily a commuter community into North Platte, and they would be unavailable or they would be preempted from participating in the benefits. Then you look at other communities across the state, and I could come up with numerous examples, but I hope that we can give positive reflection on AM2006 because it does get a little more detailed in what is rural and what is urban and makes sure that those benefits get to the communities that need them. Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Smith and Senator Burling. The next speaker is Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Members of the Legislature, I'm going to support Senator Smith's amendment. Small rural towns are dying and this would be one step, I believe, that we could help them sustain their existence. With a county under 55,000 people, in small towns, I have some...a have a large city in my district and I have some small towns. There are a few of the small towns that have taken advantage of LB 775. Actually I have one small town that triples its population in the daytime from people coming to the small town working, but that's very unusual. With the investment under Senator Smith's proposal and the amount of people that would be