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been in place for a number of years in this state, to end the LB 270 program. And then there...we were on a Smith amendment to this amendment, which would have changed or allowed some additional communities to possibly participate in the rural tier amendment. And so that's where we were, Mr. President. Thank you

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Smith, being as yours is an amendment to the Bromm amendment, you can take a minute to update us on your amendment, please.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. This proposed language would add, instead of counties...just counties of 25,000 population or less, this would be, or in any city in the state with a population...the city with a population less than 15,000 inhabitants located within a county with a population of less than 55,000 inhabitants, according to the most recent federal census. And that's basically what it is. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you both for the review. Now open for discussion on the Smith amendment, AM2006, to the Bromm amendment, AM2005. Open for discussion. Senator Chambers. Is Senator Chambers...Senator Chambers on AM2006 to LB...or to AM2005.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm going to have to get my feet under me in terms of what this bill is going to do. But if it's going to give LB 775 and the business community everything they want, if it's going to strip things off the little bit of work that we did earlier, then I'm going to do all I can to kill LB 608. I'm just making it clear now, because those people out in the lobby get too many things done, and they've been derailing the Legislature for too long. So as I said, I will listen to what occurs. But if a lot of work is done this morning and the net result is that the work done earlier is stripped away, then all I will say is that people ought to read the handout that I gave yesterday that contained some remarks I gave in January about how the LB 775 people told us they're not going to let us do this, they're not going to let us do that, and the Legislature