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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...why it would have such a peculiar structure of pop...why did you pick out 15,000, by the way?

SENATOR SMITH: It was...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Cities of 15,000 and less.

SENATOR SMITH: It was a number. Originally we talked about 20,000, and there were folks who thought that that was too many, and so we pulled it down to 15,000. If you have a better idea, I'm certainly open to that. They're numbers. And as Senator Landis pointed out before, I mean, numbers are always arbitrary. And it's a matter of drawing the line somewhere. And certainly I want to be flexible. But I also want to point out that a lot of counties in Nebraska don't have commuters to the State Office Building, or to other large companies that happen to be located in Lincoln and Omaha.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. So distance from one of the urban centers would be another factor that you would consider? Is...that's what you're saying, right?

SENATOR SMITH: Right. I'm trying to get at that without being too complicated.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time. Thank you, Senator Beutler. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of AM2006 amendment. Senator Bourne, followed by Senator Thompson.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Senator Smith, would you yield to a question or two, please?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Smith, would you yield?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you. Thank you, Senator Smith. Yesterday, or the other day, when we were debating this bill, we heard discussion from Senator Landis and Senator Bromm that they