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implement this program, I'm struggling as to why we should adopt Senator Smith's amendment. And, Senator Bromm, if you want the time, I'd be happy to yield it to you. If you don't, that's fine too. But again, I'm looking for a justification to support Senator Smith's amendment, when the amendment that you and Senator Landis have drafted is within the consultation of DED. Senator Bromm, would you like the remainder of my time? And I don't want to put you on the spot. If you don't want the time, then...

SPEAKER BROMM: No, it's...

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Bourne.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bromm, you have about two minutes.

SPEAKER BROMM: Two minutes? Let me precede it by saying that Senator Smith made a good faith request to have the population, or the parameters of this program, be like he is suggesting to us now. And I don't know what Senator Landis told him. I said, go ahead and propose that amendment. I probably won't be able to support it. But I'm not going to get up and strongly oppose it either. I think would let the body make that decision. And the reason that I won't...that I can't support it is simply that when we were trying to find something for this section of the bill to insert a program that might be meaningful, we were trying to shoot for the most rural, most nonexplosive, nongrowing counties in...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SPEAKER BROMM: ...the entire state, to see if we could give them any kind of a small boost in the arm, or wherever. And so the discussions with Al Wenstrand and the department and the parameters, and then the cap of \$2.5 million, which means that there's a limited amount of resources that we're putting into this to see if it will work, was also a consideration in not including all of the counties. I think if we're going to expand it, we ought to include probably all of the counties except