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rural areas on an economic development program, why isn't the LB 775 level of wages...why isn't that good for programs under LB 775, and the LB 775 workers, and the majority of which are probably urban? Why can't they get the benefit, the same benefit from an economic development program that is being given to workers under this LB 270 reversion...revision. It seems to me that the message we give to the lobby, if we do the Bromm amendment and nothing else, is, hang tight, boys and girls, don't give them anything, stonewall it the whole way through, because if you do, they'll divert off onto something else and we'll escape another time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And there are other things that should definitely be included. The audit performance function of the Legislature ought to apply to the Department of Revenue and the LB 775 program. That ought to be a "no-brainer." That ought to be a "no-brainer." And yet, this compromise doesn't allow for that either. Somehow, the performance audit division of the Legislature should not be allowed to audit the LB 775 program. I've never heard an explanation for why that should be. But it's not a part of this compromise. This bill, if it's compromised in this manner, is a very great disappointment. But it doesn't matter if it's a disappointment to me and a few others in here.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: But it will be a major disappointment to the Nebraska public.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Raikes on the Bromm amendment to the Bromm amendment.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Senator Landis I think made several good points about the main Bromm amendment, which is what I'm going to speak to. One of those points was that if we do nothing, then we are going to continue to have in place and fund an economic development program that doesn't work. And I think that's a very good point. On the