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your light is now first. You are recognized, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this is the time of day that often I am waging a lonely struggle for something that I really believe in but in which others seem to have lost interest. This is something which is reasonable. We ought to do this. It is not going to hurt this bill. It is not going to detract from what the intention of the bill is. For those who want something for the rural areas, this bill is not the answer; it's a part of what may turn out to be an answer. It may be moving in that direction. But realistically, when you consider the amounts of money that must be invested for the benefits to accrue, the question has to be asked what type of allowable enterprise is going to be established in a rural area where the population is declining, where farmers are going out of business, more and more stores are shutting down and the number of ghost towns is increasing? Is this really a viable program that is going to have an impact on the depressed rural economy? Maybe so; maybe not. But before it has a chance to be tried it must be enacted into law. It is not cricket. I'm trying to take a little from my British ancestry, Senator Connealy. I know the Irish don't like that, but I don't like it either. It was something beyond my control. By the way, I heard a chuckle. Everybody has heard the expression that the sun never set on the British Empire. I'm wondering if people know why that was the case. I got a negative shake of the head. Because God did not trust the British after dark. So it is not cricket for those who obtain a benefit with the assistance of others to take theirs and cut and run, and say the devil take the hindmost. This is going to have less impact on what is being done with these types of bills than that rural minimum wage of \$8.25. Why? Because if you put the \$8.25 in the rural mix, it may be beneficial and result in a higher wage than would be the case. If you put \$8.60 in the urban component, everybody has told us it will not have a practical impact because the wages are higher than that already. Well, for those of us who don't buy that argument, humor us. We're your colleagues. We work together. This is where, during the session, we live, move, and have our being. The session is not over yet. Despite the fact that the budget bill has moved on,...