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understanding and belief that the grant process would be pursued and the Governor was aware of that. So the Legislature was snookered. The Legislature acted in good faith but was bushwhacked, was ambushed. The commission had the knees cut off. The people who worked in good faith based on what the Legislature had done were also ambushed. I had told Senator Stuhr and others that I was deeply offended because of the way this thing had developed, and anything I could do to help bring about equity I am prepared to do. And that is the promise I made. It is the one I'm discharging now, and I'm hoping that my colleagues will see the seriousness of what is before us, support this effort, revive this commission. There is no question but what the rural sector, whether we mean by that people who live in small towns or those who make a living...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...by farming, is in a virtual depression. There can be no question that the economic situation is in crisis status. This will not rectify the entire problem by itself, but it creates an instrumentality, will help us provide a framework within which programs can be crafted to realistically address the rural economic or fiscal problem. And I will have more to say, but that will constitute my opening, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Madam Clerk, item on the desk?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend his amendment with FA1392. (Legislative Journal page 2063.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, to open on your amendment to AM2081.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this amendment is simple and it will give me a chance to go into a little more detail about what I was discussing. But on page 1 of this amendment, as drafted, you'll find, beginning in line 21, the following language: "Entities