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block grant through DED. They've gotten that done, expedited it. No problems. We have that all in place, and I continue to say we're doing a disservice to rural Nebraska by diluting our efforts here. We are weakening ourselves and limiting our chance at success, and I'm a rural senator. And I don't think I'm out of line saying this. I think I can back this up from personal experience with what we've done in the last couple of years through DED. It's worked very well. I need to talk to the director of the Rural Development Commission. I sense there may be some hesitancy on their part to say, no, we don't want to do this, like they're trying to help us but is that what they want to do? Just a few months ago we took it out as a state agency and they wanted to do that at that time. What's changed? Well, maybe it's all politics. I don't know, but I question whether it's something we want to do. In fact, I'm going to oppose it. DED has done a great job of working with us out there in rural Nebraska, not just on this one project. We had a dairy out there. We've done this, we've done that, block grants on a housing manufacturer, so on. We need to consolidate our efforts, not dilute them. And I speak strongly on that from a rural standpoint, a rural senator. I think we're going the wrong direction here. If you want to make a political football out of this, fine. That's what it is in my mind. We don't need to dilute our efforts and I will continue to oppose it and hope that others do, too. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, members. Senator Chambers and I have been voting...voting, we have been talking and we've been considering maybe some possible changes in the language. I think Senator Chambers, if I understand him correctly, doesn't want to leave maybe as much flexibility as I do. So we talked about perhaps striking federal agencies from this litany and adding, after "youth," you'd take out the "and" before "youth," adding, after "youth," "and two other members from the general public," something that would give it a little bit more flexibility. That way you would have six members who are actually officials in some capacity, and you'd have probably, I've got to think about this, probably eight members who would be more members of the general public: one from nonprofits, one