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the state which, in my view, need that assistance. Senator Loudon, in a very colorful presentation the other day, said when he was at that meeting it was the first time he had attended a meeting where, in effect, he was told to go to hell. Well, the rural senators today can tell me to go to hell. I will not go pursuant to their instructions, but I will become aware of what their attitude is. Now rural senators can tell me to mind my own business, and I will presume they are speaking on behalf of their constituents. And the only rural person that I will help is one who comes to me directly. If the body decides it wants to abolish the Ag Committee next session, I'll stay out of the way and I'll let them abolish it. If the rural senators are of that frame of mind, then I will yield to that and it will give me more time to do other things and take less of my time. But I would like to read something from a transcript that took place that was based on discussions January 27, when we were talking about getting rid of the Rural Development Commission. This is what I had said: Rural interests are not adequately represented on this floor by rural senators. Rural senators are fearful. Rural senators fold. Rural senators cave in. And rural senators are not taken seriously. I think the Governor demonstrated that with that meeting and at that meeting. Now Senator Baker has expressed his opposition. Maybe other rural senators will do the same thing. But until I got involved in this issue, the Governor was not taking it seriously and nobody else was. They know that I'm not fearful. They know I do not fold and they take me very seriously. So the fact that you have one person, who purports to represent rural interests, being of a mind to work with the Governor to undermine what is being attempted here, the body is given two different points of view; the one that will say the Legislature was manipulated into destroying this commission. Then the Legislature, after having done that, can be considered complicit in the effort by the Governor to undermine the grant seeking of this group, the group that was supposed to be given nonprofit status so it could seek grants...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and try to help the rural areas. Maybe Senator Baker is so well off, personally, with his store and the