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to that grant procedure, and I was aware that there would be rural senators who would go along with it, I would not have allowed this language referring to the Rural Development Commission to be taken out of statute, and I could have stopped the bill. And I've given my arguments as to why that language should not be taken out. However, if the rural senators are of a mind to let things stay where they are, let me tell you where they are. As of July 1, there is no Rural Development Commission. It is gone. The likelihood of those people who have been working to try to put together a credible group that could seek grants from the U.S. Department of Agriculture have been dispirited and disheartened. Their grant has been rejected. Maybe the Governor can get his accepted, and maybe not, but what is certain is that there is no money available for that group that was trying to do this work. So if that is the will of the rural senators, who am I to stand in the way of them doing to their constituency what they want to have done to them? Now Senator Vrtiska knows that I've supported programs that would provide defense money in legal actions that were very expensive for rural counties. I've mentioned how I rescued the Ag Committee when it was about to be abolished. The members who are currently on the Ag Committee, who were on it before, and I don't know whether Senator Kremer and the new people have seen me do this, but on that Ag Committee I have stood up for the rural interests. When the big-shot corporations come and they send their high-powered lobbyists, I'm the one who will put them in their place. So if you're going to follow the lead of Senator Baker and Governor Johanns, that is fine, but we're going to do it by way of a vote. If you vote against suspending the amend...if you vote against suspending the germaneness rule, you can end everything here now. But the vote is more than on just the germaneness rule. Now rural senators have not been speaking in support of what it is that I'm doing. Senator Connealy has. So maybe all of those senators who came to me explaining how distressed they were, how offended their constituency was at the way the Governor undermined their efforts, maybe they have all changed their mind. And maybe what the Governor did was the correct position to take. Maybe, as a matter of fact, the rural senators on this floor do not have the interests of their constituents at heart. But this vote is going to determine my course with reference to rural matters.