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body. I will be voting to suspend the rules. I believe we have a situation here that things have developed within the last month that we had not anticipated in January. I believe the Rural Development Commission has always acted in good faith. According to what happened last year in their October meeting, decided that they would pursue a 501(c)(3) in January, and to be taken out of the statute. We did all of those things in good faith. I did want to share with you what the duties and responsibilities of the Rural Development Commission. They are entirely different than what the rural...in what the Department of Economic Development. As has been stated before, their vision is different. Their goals are different. They are more of a grass-roots organization working in communities across the state. They have a grass-roots membership primarily of people that contribute their time and energy to work on initiatives that happen in their communities. One of the things that the commission...the commission shall advocate and recommend programs that encourage regional cooperation and economic development initiatives in rural Nebraska. Again, a much different goal than what the Department of Economic Development. They are to focus their attention and increase state awareness of the opportunities and needs of rural Nebraska. They advocate for rural Nebraska by proposing solutions to rural challenges. They strengthen communities' sustainability and growth. They stimulate rural development innovation and foster information transfer to and from and within rural Nebraska, and the youth have become an important part of the commission. It's also been stated, what exactly have they done? I've got a list of things; that the commission has established the Nebraska Community Foundation that now manages in partnership with local leaders working in communities across the state. I have over \$16 million attached to that community foundation, that they are doing projects within the state. They also initiated the Nebraska Microenterprise Partnership Fund that over the last four years has documented the development of over 3,700 jobs statewide. Again, sometimes I don't think we put enough emphasis on keeping the businesses that we have in rural Nebraska. It's not always that important to bring that new business in, but it's important to retain the businesses that we have out there, and then grow those businesses. And that is one of the things. Let's all...I mean and let's face it, they have