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been working on a very reduced...all of their monies were taken away from them a year ago. So, again, they've continued to operate. They've also established the Nebraska Cooperative Development Center that provides staff support in assisting over 50 producer groups working to add value to the products that they produce. Those are only some of the things that...of the commission that I did want to point out, and I will be supporting suspending the rules because of the situation that has occurred in the last month. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM PRESIDING

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. I'm going to rise in support of the motion to suspend the rules. I would think that if we're going to do this we should probably do it correctly and actually in accordance with a previous literature that Senator Chambers passed out that would be the plan of action on this bill. So, I'm going to support this. I think that there are value on both sides of this discussion. I think Senator Baker has said some things that probably are accurate, and that is that there is a goal that is in mind for economic development or rural development that probably isn't met on one side or another and there is different group out there that's doing that. I think Senator Stuhr also has a good point, that there are certain parts that aren't being covered anywhere else that can be there. The concern that I have is that we don't seem to be working towards some type of cooperation or inclusion. What we're trying to set up is competition. That's just how I see it. But I'm going to rise in support of the motion to suspend the rule. I think it's the responsible decision if the body is going to move forward. And so from that standpoint, I will reserve the rest of my comments for whatever happens after this vote. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I, likewise, was going to bring up the fact that I...Senator