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has done to help rural senators in some of the problems that they've faced. He certainly has supported me at times when I went to him for help and he was willing to help me. So, you know, what better friend can you have? But sometimes you have to take a position on things that maybe somebody else disagrees with. And the last thing I have to say is it is unfortunate, in my opinion, that this turned out to be a political issue. I think it's strictly a rural issue. It has nothing to do with politics. I'm not speaking on behalf of the Governor or speaking on behalf of anybody else, because the Governor hasn't talked to me about this. So my point that I'm trying to make is that I would like to see more dynamic things done in rural Nebraska. How do we get them done? We get them done by the organizations that are already in existence, that are working hard to do these things. And by the way, this does not necessarily do away with the department...rural depar...Department of Economic Development or Commission. It actually puts another focus on it. It goes another direction, and I think that's what we decided to do a couple of years ago when we did away with the funding for the commission with the idea that the funding would come from another source.

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR VRTISKA: With that, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Connealy, followed by Senator Tyson.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Speaker Bromm, members. This is a process that we do on an ongoing basis. We've done this every year that I've been here. We take bills and we, with the approval of the sponsor, and take the contents out and put another content in. This is not outside the ordinary. If we're going to not do it now, are we going to not do it in the future? If you don't like the bill, vote against the amendment, vote against the bill. This is a process that we use that's normally at the end of the session every year. And I've had priority bills that have been gutted and put other totally different content in them, and I think it's a process that is useful to the Legislature. And this topic is not new. We've been talking