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and more or less in a spirit of cooperation. Now that idea was engendered and enclosed in Senator Stuhr's amendment, which she withdrew. And I think she withdrew it because the commission or some members of the commission said we're really not interested in that. And they may have very good reasons for that. They may not trust the Governor and the administration at this point in time, and I understand that. But I just think you need to know that an effort was made. I don't know how successful a rural development program can hope to be without the support not only in the Legislature but of the executive branch. How successful can we be if we're not cooperating in that respect? I appreciate Senator Chambers' efforts and the work, and his heart is in the right place. There is no question about that. But I think this bill...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SPEAKER BROMM: ...is clearly going to be viewed as a slap back at the administration, and we'll have two tracks on rural economic development--the efforts of the DED, some of which are included in LB 608; and then we will have the Rural Development Commission doing their track of work. I don't know if that's going to be successful. I think the chances are not very good. So it is in the name of wanting to somehow get to a unified voice for rural development...and the Governor is accountable if he is not successful in bringing about some progress in rural development. He is accountable. His administration is accountable. So I, with all my appreciation to the efforts of Senator Stuhr and Senator Chambers, I find that in view of all of this I cannot support the amendment and those are the reasons why, but it...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SPEAKER BROMM: ...deserves a fair shot and fair consideration, and it's getting that. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Stuthman, followed by Senator Landis.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the