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not the Nebraska Resource (sic) Development Commission. He should just move over to DED. He's a great guy. He does a good job at what he's doing. Has no resources, and he's kind of off out there by himself. And I don't know that this is going to be the answer. We've had a phone call in to him, and he has not returned the call this afternoon. So I don't...I'd like to visit with him and get his impression of what this does to the commission as it exists now, and how it will affect them. So I'm a little hesitant to do this. Here again, we're at the last possible time to adopt this amendment and get it passed as a bill this session. And I'm afraid it's not where we want to go. I...but I can't talk to him I haven't been able to reach him today. Plus voice message mail...or, voice mail with him, everything we can do. And I just...I guess my name is Thomas and I doubt this is where we want to head. But I will listen to the debate and go from there. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. Senator Kremer, on the motion to return LB 48.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I had...did have some questions this morning. And I voted no on it. But I appreciate the efforts that have been made by Senator Bromm and Senator Chambers and Senator Stuhr. Section 2, where 75 percent of the money came into the...came to the Rural Development Commission, as the recipient, I...how do you write a grant when part of it comes somewhere and part of it goes somewhere else? And this has been clarified. And also I am concerned that we continue to try to have these different organizations work together and not be duplicating services. And so I...hopefully, because of maybe the discussion today, that we can have DED and the Rural Development Commission and others that are working to do some good in rural development, work together and coordinate their efforts, so that we can really accomplish something. So thank you for those that have made some improvements on the bill. And I will support the return to Select File and also the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kremer. Senator Bromm, there are no further lights on wishing to speak. He waives the opportunity to close. The question before the body is, shall