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with what I'm providing with this proposed amendment, you will adopt it. If not, you will reject it. But if you read what I am putting here in place of what already is there, I believe you will accept it. So this is the way it would read, if you adopt my amendment. Starting in line 8: "to provide financial assistance to programs and projects essential to the development, preservation, and maintenance" and so forth. And I will have some amendments following what I'm doing here. Since I believe that is clear and easy to understand, I would like to touch on something in the bill with Senator Schrock, if he will indulge me.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Schrock, would you yield, please?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Schrock, I would like to go again to this task force that existed. There were 13 minutes...I mean 13 meetings, over a period of 18 months, and in cities moving westward from Lincoln to I guess the westernmost border of the state. What would be the farthest city to the north where a meeting was held, if you can remember?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Chambers, I believe the meetings were held either in Kearney or Lincoln. And there was multiple meetings at those sites, and the other two sites were Ogallala and Scottsbluff.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, so there was really no attempt to scatter the meetings throughout the state. This was what was felt would be the best location...or these would be the best locations to achieve the purposes of these meetings.

SENATOR SCHROCK: That's correct, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. I have a little different view of it now. I'm not saying it takes care of everything, but it takes care of a lot. Not that I'm more in favor of the bill. But that was all I wanted to ask of Senator Schrock. Members of the Legislature, whether anybody wants to acknowledge it or not, there is what could be called a rural-urban split on this bill. By that I mean, people from urban areas will view it one way; people from rural areas will view it another way. Those who do