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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR STUHR: ...the amount that we have appropriated, \$1 million, is very...is actually a small amount when you look at the return that we will be getting from these projects and the efforts of people in rural communities, and those again will, I believe, promote a better Nebraska and a brighter future for all of us. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Connealy.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I want to thank Senator Stuhr for introducing this idea that reintroduces a program that I think really worked well. This was put together a few years back and it was really performing highly and it was one of the things that worked in economic development, and especially in rural economic development. We had to come back and make some really tough decisions. In the budget cuts of...over the last three years, this was one of the ones that was not funded. It's because of the fact that it has an A bill, and I think that that's going to be a concern here on the floor, too. You know, a lot of stuff that we do in economic development doesn't have an A bill. It's off on tax incentives and the like that we can't see the real cost. The bang for the buck here on this little program, with a small amount of money in it, is really phenomenal. It's generated jobs. It's gotten programs started, as you see through the list, with the wine industry and with farmers markets and things that are continuing to perform. Even if one of these were to continue to perform it would be worth the cost, and we have multiples. And I believe that with a little bit of help we're going to start more of these small businesses that generate jobs for a small amount of money. I want to thank the committee for the bill and the amendments, and I'd urge that you support this bill, even though it does cost some money.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Connealy. Senator Don Pederson, on AM0569.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I was looking at the fiscal note in connection