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against, you know, the value-added part of it. I know we should be discussing the bracket motion that we got on there. But in the event that...I had to push my light, you know, many times to be able to speak. So what I realistically want to do for a few minutes is enter into a little bit of a dialogue with Senator Connealy, if he would respond, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Connealy, would you respond?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: What I want to know is, what is your feelings as far as, you know, the value added to the agriculture part of it, the incentives, the amount of dollars that we're trying to put into this type of program? And then can you tell me a little bit about the amount of dollars that we are putting into incentives for urban development in...with respect to that?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yeah. I believe that we need to continue as an industry to figure out other ways to get value, especially into our state. So value-added has to be part of what we do. It's really the story of what has happened in the last 25 years. And that's been our success in America, being able to make more products and utilize our grains, in particular, more. But I think it happens on other things, like wood products here in Nebraska, and diversification. So I think it's important for us, if that answers the first part. The second part is, you know, I don't know if I can tell you the exact number of what we do on economic development. Most of what we do in economic development is incentives that's off the books. It's on people's tax forms. And so we don't actually know how much we do, but it's someplace around \$150 million, \$139 million to \$150 million a year for those specific programs that we do. One of the things that we have as a challenge for our small programs and for our economic development in the rural areas is that's on the budget. We see it, it costs \$2 million or \$1 million, and it's easy to be cut. And that's what happened to this program the third year of its life, when we had a downturn here.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: I think...thank you, Senator Connealy. I think that's very, very important, in the fact that, you know,