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lot of other things that are going on in this state on a regional basis...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BROWN: ...that are quite exciting, and this provides a template for those things, too. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brown. You've heard the opening on LB 546. Mr. Clerk, motion on the desk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Brown would move to amend with FA72. (Legislative Journal pages 675-676.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Brown, to open on your amendment, AM (sic) 72.

SENATOR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. President. Part...what I was just starting to get into in terms of this bill is that we provided the broad template, but then had the specific part of the authorization of the eastern Nebraska opportunity zone. Part of the reason that it's done that way is because that's the area that I knew a little bit better than others, but setting up a regional area is a very complex issue, and being able to address some of the issues in terms of representation, in terms of meaningful language about what the entities are going to be able to do. And so this amendment addresses a concern that was brought at the hearing from one of the...from a representative of one of the smaller cities along the corridor, and this individual wished to have representation on the commission. Well, I had already been contacted by a community in Senator Kopplin's area about inclusion, and so we were trying to be representative but also keep a manageable number, and we felt that because much of the area is...that we're representing is less developed, much of the physical area, that we would do the representation largely through counties and have some representation from...obviously, from the cities. So this amendment kind of tries to walk a path in the middle. It looks at changing some language about one of the aspects of opportunity zones which calls...in the original legislation it called for regional zoning. There was some concern about