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Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Mines. Senator Beutler, on the Brown amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, I'm very excited about Senator Brown's idea, even though necessarily at the beginning it's skeletal in nature, and probing in its initial focus. But you have to get started someplace. I've come to find over the years that the antagonism between Lincoln and Omaha is highly destructive. And I don't know if Lincoln is ready for this yet. I've kind of asked around as to...because I knew the bill was coming, and, you know, I get a mixed reaction, honestly. There's still a lot of fear out there. And when you're down in Omaha, I know it's somewhat the same way. Lincoln is the government town; Omaha is the commercial center. It's almost represented architecturally by the First National Bank Building being the predominant structure in Omaha, and the Capitol Building being the predominant structure in Lincoln. But I think things have to change. And they have to change because both communities, and the communities in between, have a common economic interest in accelerating development that can occur through a cooperative effort. The identification of one larger metropolitan area has a de facto effect on how you can attract...on whether you can attract industry. It makes a difference. It's a difference in appearance; it's a difference in fact. And I, for myself, am going to encourage the Lincoln community to do everything possible to cooperate with this initiative, to try to figure out how all can mutually benefit from this initiative. And I think we all need to work a little harder, those of us in eastern Nebraska, to build a relation of trust between Lincoln and Omaha, and with all the smaller communities in the neighborhood. Having said that, Senator Brown, I have two questions. One is basically this, and I don't know enough about this; I hope you can describe it. But I know that the retired head of our architecture school down here, Cecil Steward, has been working, I think, out of the...out of Omaha, out of the Joslyn building, I believe, and he has an organization that's designed to look at urban planning and urban development in eastern Nebraska. I'm not sure exactly how that's defined. Hopefully, you know more