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Grand Island came and spent a day with the Omaha chamber, and I got to spend some time with them. And there is such a receptivity within the economic development community for these kind of new ideas and I just appreciated that. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brown and Senator Aguilar. Senator Beutler, on the Brown amendment to LB 546. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, Senator Brown, as I was looking at the structure of the bill and listening to some sense of vagary that people have about the geographic parameters of the opportunity zone, I notice in Section 4 there are certain things that the commission shall do, right off the bat, and then in Section 5 there are other things that they may do. One of those things that they may do is make recommendations as deemed necessary by the majority. And I assume, under that provision, they could, for example, simply define the first enterprise zone. But would you have any objection to clarifying that a little bit, and shifting that job into Section 4, which says they shall do it? Because I would think that it would be helpful to be pretty much up-front with what the initial space is that we're talking. I'd yield to Senator Brown.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Yes, I would be glad to consider that, some change in that, between now and Select File. Or we could even...we could do it right now, if you...

SENATOR BEUTLER: No.

SENATOR BROWN: Okay.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you.

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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Beutler, did you wish to...thank you. Senator Brown, there are no