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federal. And in fact, the federal enterprise zones have some power to them. And this amendment is addressed to federal enterprise zones, and for that sense, what I was originally going to say I was concerned about, I'm not concerned. A federal enterprise zone designation area is a legitimate tool to use, and there is some power behind it from the federal tax code and regulation, and it is a good tool. Our state enterprise zones have not proven to be effective, and even though I'm a big supporter of them, originally, in fact it was my original bill, I've come to see that they're not effective. But this amendment is on the line of the federal enterprise zone, which is an appropriate designation to make. It's the right structure. Well, what about the underlying bill? There are six purposes for which the money is to be spent. One of them is technical assistance to energize small business--great goal. We do have, in fact, LB 608 that's designed to get a tax incentive for that. That's on the books. We do have a microenterprise program that's on the books and operating. We've got a \$2 million microenterprise tax credit bill that Senator Connealy has in the Revenue Committee, which is now in the package that I expect the Revenue Committee to produce. So there are some tools there. Small business transfer, the second topic, we've got a federal Small Business Administration that's supposed to assist with that. We have the depart...we have Kearney State...not, let me get that right, University of Nebraska at Kearney, who has a small business administration program that Gene out there has been doing for a number of years, and it does this kind of work. A third purpose is community capacity and leadership programs. Well, if there's any money in the CDBG program, that was for community capacity if it's there. We have a Main Street program in our Department of Economic Development. We have community college programs. Our planning school goes out and assists small towns with their free services as part of the planning education. The Heartland Institute, a private institute but is, nonetheless, doing a great deal of work on leadership, is out there trying to call people together for leadership programs. The League of Municipalities does the same. There are many suppliers. The fourth purpose is to attract young people and families, and there, by the way, I think opportunity is the key. I would agree to that. I'm not sure it's going to be in \$75,000 grants. If it is, it's going to be in places like a