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I'll do with this bill. I may advance it once just to keep it alive, but right now I don't intend to. But I think there's some other bills, in my mind, that will serve the purpose better. LB 71, for example, which we're not on today, is one that has been tried and worked pretty well. And I think all of us interested in rural development, which probably includes all 49 in many cases--some of us are more interested than others--are going to have to decide over the next six weeks what we are going to focus on and agree. Maybe agriculture can get together and actually decide what we're going to focus on and decide what best fits the areas that we're weak in and what we're not, and where we want to be, and put emphasis. I'm not clear if I could ask...if I have any time left, I'd like to ask Senator Synowiecki a question, if I could, Mr. Speaker, Mr. President. Senator Synowiecki.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Synowiecki.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Yes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you respond?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: On the enterprise zones that you're talking about, is there any funding coming from the feds into that or are those mostly incentives? I'm not clear on how they work.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Quite frankly, Senator Wehrbein, I don't know. I know that, from time to time, there will be federal grant monies will come to the state with a specific designation that it needs to go to...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: ...needs to go to enterprise zone areas, but I don't know.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Your intent was, if this was to go, to simply make them eligible for grants coming from...flowing from this source...

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Exact...