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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Cunningham. Senator Mines.

SENATOR MINES: Thank you, Mr. President, colleagues. I'm not going to tell you anything new today; however, I just for the record wanted to state that I did vote to amend the bill in the Government Committee and reduce the dollar amount from \$1 million to \$200,000. Frankly, Nebraska can't afford that kind of an incentive right now, \$1 million. I'm a little hesitant about a \$200,000 commitment at this time. But I did vote for both the amendment and the bill because there's a principle in that bill that makes sense to me. And what makes sense is the dollar-for-dollar match between local government agencies or local government organizations and the state of Nebraska. This isn't a 100 percent giveaway program. And that was different and new, and I thought that merited the discussion on the floor, and with your consideration may merit passage on to Select File. More importantly I think, the \$75,000 that we've discussed, if you include the match, \$150,000 is created and could be spent over a five-year period. Thirty thousand dollars a year to a community the size of most of our small friends, small communities, is a big deal. You can make some significant impact with \$30,000 a year. Now whether or not it works and creates jobs and creates economic growth is up to the local community. And I think ultimately it's about the local community determining what's best for them, not the state of Nebraska. Unfortunately, they don't have the money on their own to do that many times. More from a larger picture, Senator Landis indicated, of the six agenda items that are included in the bill, five of them are...would be competing against existing programs and/or funding mechanisms. Obviously, that is not competent spending on our part, that's just not the way we ought to approach this. And if we look at this completely from the outside, which I think we had better start doing, we have an economic development overall plan for Nebraska that is very similar to a Chinese fire drill. Most people, I would venture to say even those in the Department of Economic Development, can't get their arms around all the plans, all the programs, all the funding opportunities for what we tend to call economic development. We as a state, we as a Legislature, need to