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we can't fund. So I will sit back and look at this, but at this point in time, I don't know that I will vote for this bill until we do, like I said, bring some kind of coordination to all of our economic development, to ensure that what we're doing has some return back to our state on. With that, I'll return the rest of my time back to the Chair. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Louden.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I'm certainly not opposed to economic rural development or, for that matter, any kind of rural development, whether it's urban or rural or small towns or areas, whatever. I guess the questions I have with when we're doing these things piecemeal, as I've worked through different projects through the office, I've found out we were usually able to find grants and money that are already out there to get some of these projects started in different areas. When I look at this bill and they talk about economic development, the first thing I see is about 70,000 bucks to hire somebody to implement that. Now, if I could put that person with those wages out there in Ellsworth or someplace like that, I'm sure that would help that economic development for that area. I have a problem with some of these bills and these, such as these, that the first thing we have to do is hire some people to implement them. We already have a rural economic development agency that's doing quite well, and they've done a lot of work in western Nebraska and in the district that I have. Whenever we have questions, they've been more than willing to help us work along with some of the projects going out there. I'm sure Senator Cunningham has a very good idea here by trying to help out. I think Senator Stuhr says that we...these areas need help and we have to do something, but I don't know if we should do something even if it's wrong. And that's where I have the problem is this...if this is the right thing that we're doing at the present time. I hate to see our funds squandered a little bit at a time in various agencies and areas and not have anything to show for it afterwards. When you have a cap of \$75,000 on there, there'll probably be times when I don't know if that's enough money to do any good. When you have these small funds like this, there's areas where people can do some good but many a times there's