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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...if it won't hurt yours. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Synowiecki.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members. The amendment of mine that was adopted essentially did those three things we're speaking of. It expanded the scope of the bill to include enterprise zones. We have a history in the Legislature of linking the economic development interests within our rural areas with our established federal enterprise zones. The 2003 LB 608, which was referred to as the Rural Employment Investment Incentive Act, included enterprise zones within its scope. When Senator Cunningham speaks of the good that this bill will bring to him rural areas of the state, I can correspondingly indicate that, within my small community, within the south Omaha community, and perhaps in Senator Chambers' community in northeast Omaha, where two federal enterprise zones exist, the same argument could be made that this could provide real economic relief to depressed areas of our state. The criteria for an enterprise zone is one of pervasive poverty, unemployment and general distress, and it involves the need for physical restructuring, the need for entrepreneur initiatives and these sort of things that are spoken to in the green copy of the bill. A majority of the members of the Legislature agreed with that concept. A majority of the members of the Legislature agreed that we have a history of linking rural enterprise interests, rural economic development interests with our federally-recognized enterprise zones. I'd also like to address the fact that there's been some mention that, you know, including the enterprise zones will provide for Omaha gobbling up all the resources provided for within the bill. On page 3 of the bill, it indicates that there's no political subdivision shall receive funding for more than one project. So the city of Omaha, for example, a political subdivision can only apply...even though there are two federal enterprise zones within the city of Omaha, they're only allowed to provide for one grant opportunity under the provisions of the bill. Thank you, Senator Cudaback.