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You scored again. I cannot just stand here and try to speak logically. You don't get it. So I have to prod you. I have to do you like your parents did you when you will a little kid. Get in there, you didn't eat your spinach. Go to bed with nothing to eat then. Okay, if that's what it takes, that's what I'm going to do. Omaha is not your friend. If I were going to try to do something to help the rural areas, I would be saying, seek enough money so if you get it, you can at least make a dent in the problem. This stuff of symbolic votes and symbolic little crumbs doesn't amount to a hill of beans. This bill is more of a bill designed to aid political subdivisions than it is the people in the rural areas, whatever rural happens to mean. The thrust of the bill has altered entirely. It is not what it started out to be. I wrote you all a little rhyme about Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. Well, this bill itself is a regular Heckle and Jeckle. If you get this bill in its present form, what have you got? You've got Omaha directing. You've got the Department of Economic Development in the driver's seat. As drafted, that's not what was intended, and that's not the intent of the bill in the minds of those who might have wanted to support it. There are rural senators who are not going to support this bill. It should not have gotten out of committee. But it's that little sop that will be thrown to the "ruralies." Because the committee, not me...you all are mad at me because I will speak openly. Judge by the conduct. A tree is known by the fruit it bears. You might look at me as a tree where a lot of wind passes through and the leaves rustle and the boughs bend and sway and make noise, but you were not told judge a tree by the sound made when the wind passes through the leaves and among the boughs. Judge the tree by the fruit it bears. Judge what is being done by the actions that are placed. What action was placed on this bill? An action that changed the entire direction of the bill, altered the scope and put Omaha right in the middle of it. You all know that Omaha has the political power. That's where the big business interests are. They get all of the giveaways and the giveaway programs are geared to them. Any entity that is going to make a decision about where money is going to go is not going to tell Omaha you can't get any of this money. Omaha will be right on the top, \$75,000 dollars sucked out of this little bit of money. And Senator Redfield tried to show you where a good percentage of it is