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Thirty-three percent of all of the jobs in rural America from...in rural Nebraska from '90 to '94 had to do with small businesses. Small businesses make up 85 percent of all of the businesses. So, in reality, folks, we know that these big businesses are not going to come to rural Nebraska, and what this bill is trying to do is assist those small businesses and help those communities assist those businesses. So I will be voting against the committee amendment. Thank you, and I give the rest of the time back...and urge you to do the same. I give the rest of my time back to the Chair. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Mines. The question has been called. Who called the question? The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. The question has been called to cease debate on the motion to bracket. All in favor of ceasing debate vote aye; those opposed, nay. We're voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 26 ayes, 4 nays to cease debate,
Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Debate does cease. Senator Chambers, you're recognized to close on your motion to bracket.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this time that we spent on this motion has not been wasted because people did become aware of where we are with reference to the bill procedurally. If you vote against the committee amendment, you get rid of Senator Synowiecki's amendment. To make sure that nobody misunderstood what I was saying when I spoke earlier about his amendment, Senator Synowiecki didn't do anything underhanded. Senator Synowiecki went to the introducer, made clear what his amendment would do, and the introducer agreed. But all I wanted to do was characterize that amendment so the rural people would understand how drastically the bill had been altered. If you vote down the committee amendment, you just leave the green copy where it was. And as for my good friend Senator Schimek, who mentioned that there are bills which have written into them amounts of money so it's not unusual, it just means that a low standard of bill drafting is