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to Senator Cunningham and Senator Stuhr, when she has time to reply. But I noted in LB 312, with respect to the tiers and the new types of programs that were being added, that a termination date was put on at the year 2011. So my first question to you, Senator Cunningham, and to Senator Stuhr when she has time, is, since your section is a new idea, basically, as is Senator Stuhr's, and since they're both very broadly worded right now, as you know, would you have any objection to a sunset date of 2011, as on...as in the new programs, for LB 312?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wehrbein...Senator Cunningham, rather.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Thank you, Senator Beutler. No, I personally wouldn't have an objection to that. I think that gives the programs time to work. And if they work like I'm thinking they're going to work, you know, we'll be able to extend them at that point. And obviously, if they're not working, they should be sunsetted. So I have no problem with 2011. But I think it's...they're going to be very valuable programs.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I share your optimism, but I appreciate that sort of accommodation. Now, here's something that I wanted to be clear on with regard to your intent. As I understand the general thrust of the bill, you're looking at ways to improve agriculture and agriculture-related value-added enterprises, in all their dimensions. But basically, that's the area that this is intended to focus on. Would that be accurate?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Well, I think you could say the value-added part, Senator Stuhr's part, is more focused on agriculture. My portion of it could be agriculture, but it could be more any type of main street business or entrepreneurial type of interests.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. So when you say "value-added," you're not referring to agricultural products; you just mean...what does "value-added" mean?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Well, on the value-added part of it, we are