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referring to agricultural. Maybe I'm missing the question here.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Well, perhaps I'm missing your intent. Let me tell you how I view the broadness of this bill, and you can tell me, one, whether that's accurate, and two, whether that's what you intended. A project is defined--and "project" is a key word here--as any activity in the areas specified in Section 10 to promote the purposes in Section 7. Okay. So it has to relate to the activities in Section 10. And then when you turn to Section 10 and look at the activities that are described--research, education and training, market development--there's nothing in that section that limits a project to an agricultural area...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...or to what we traditionally mean, I think, by agricultural value-added areas. And then when you turn to Section 7, there's broad language that says, enhance the economic and social viability of rural communities generally. So it does look like a project could be almost anything. I mean, it could be community and multi-community initiatives, whatever that might mean. It's value-added. It's...well, is that what you intend?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: I think your time is about up. But this portion of the bill you're talking about is the value-added agriculture portion, Senator Stuhr's bill. So I believe I'm going to let her answer that question.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Oh, I'm sorry. So the first page...

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: The first two pages...

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...pages are your bill?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. I got that mixed up. So I'll...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Beutler.