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And if there is a county or city unwilling to match what the state is giving, I would be skeptical about their motives. So I'm not going to fight against his element, his segment. I think the provision that Senator Stuhr is offering, the provision of Senator Cunningham, are both bad policy, because there is no accountability, none whatsoever. There is no evaluation of anything done with this money. It's going to be poured down the same rathole, pardon the expression, that other money supposedly designed to help the rural communities has The pockets of poverty are going to remain there. most impoverished individuals are not going to notice any improvement in their circumstances. The little towns which are dying are going to die. The farmers who are hanging by a fingernail are going to have that fingernail clipped. They're going to cease to be. The small cattle producers, the independent producers, they are marked for destruction also. These bills are pipe dreams. There are certain discrete segments of the population, of the money-makers, who are going to be benefited. But the standard of living of the people as a whole in this state is not going to improve measurably. Not at all. The population drain is going to continue apace.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And Nebraska is going to be, ten years from now, what it is today, only worse off, because they'll be coming in for another hit from the big businesses. It's time for another hit, another fix. And whoever is in the Legislature then is going to go along with it. They'll be given the same arguments--you've got to stop the population drain, you've got to keep the young people here when they graduate, and business can't be put off, you've got to do it today. And they'll do it. And nothing is going to be improved. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Further discussion on the first portion of the divided Wehrbein amendment. Senator Wehrbein, there are no other lights on. You're recognized to close on FA259, first portion.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. We've heard a fairly thorough discussion on these