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comes to matters such as this, I think you're familiar...many of you would know Sandy Scofield, married to former Senator Bob Wickersham. And she is connected with the University of Nebraska in this exact area. And when she first took that job, I said, how's it going? She said, you know, it's really You know Arthur, Nebraska? Well, I know Arthur interesting. and I know the county of Arthur. There are about 420 people in Said, do you know that the state has five economic Arthur. development programs trying to develop Arthur? Well, let's be real. That's not going to happen. And I think it's about time that we are absolutely realistic about what we are doing in connection with rural development. Let's don't pass something that makes it feel good, sound good. These same programs for incentives and cooperative efforts are already available through the University of Nebraska. And they are...the materials that I have are replete with programs that they have been using to help rural initiative. Now, why are some counties in poor shape? That Senator Cunningham is referring to that county...those counties, and we're trying to help them. Generally speaking, there are reasons why rural counties are in trouble. Mostly, it's because the farming situation, the loss of potential jobs. And when the young people graduate from high school, there really isn't all that much for them to do in some of these communities, so they move to a city. Well, that creates a population problem. But I think that generally speaking, any county can improve itself. But how does that occur? It occurs because people within that county already are with a sufficient initiative to want to try and improve their county. There are all kinds of ways in which funds can be obtained. Help can be obtained through the university in this very same program. don't think we need an additional program to do the same thing. And I regret having to say this, because of my friend Senator Cunningham. But on the other hand, I have to be very realistic. I think that rural communities,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: ...small rural communities, have a real distinct problem in developing new businesses within that. But it primarily comes from the people within those communities. If someone has an idea, somebody wants to do something, then they