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LB 90

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Cudaback, did you wish to use some of...closing time?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. I would just take a minute or two. I do appreciate the support on this. I know it's been a controversial issue. I do very much believe that it will help rural Nebraska. I don't believe that we can sit back, and just because we've got problems in rural Nebraska, that we just step aside and don't try to do anything about them. I think this will work, I think, with the matching funds and everybody working together. I guess I could read just one example. I just got an e-mail today, and it really had nothing to do with this bill. But it's a company starting to give assistance to young entrepreneurs in Knox, Cedar, Dixon, and Wayne, and Pierce Counties, help to give assistance to those entrepreneurs through discussion groups, business counseling, marketing help, mentoring, connection to area and statewide marketing opportunities, tours, grants, and other activities. Eventually, they'd like to make low-interest loans available to members, as well as open up a traveling marketplace for their products. Now, this e-mail has absolutely nothing to do with this bill. But it's just another example of a group trying to start early, trying to start with the young people, and trying to get them interested in finding jobs in rural Nebraska. So with that, I hope you will support this division. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Cunningham. Senator Wehrbein, were you completed on your statements? The question before the body is adoption of FA260, which is the final portion of the divided AM1346 to the committee amendments to LB 90. All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. We're voting on adoption of the second half of the Wehrbein amendment to the committee amendments. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 32 ayes, 1 nay on the adoption of that portion of the amendment, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The amendment has been adopted. We're back to the Revenue Committee amendments to AM0249. Mr. Clerk,