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are many opportunities that will be made available through LB 312 that will bring businesses to other parts of the state, aside from the big businesses.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But here's my question. If I would go on with my amendment to put \$750,000...

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...into that rural program to bring it up to \$1 million, you mean to tell me this house of cards would come down? LB 312 would go by the boards, and LB 90 would be killed? Is that your understanding?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: I was not in on the...on that portion of the discussion. But there are a number of elements of LB 312 that will inure to the benefit of all the segments of this state.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If I could persuade my colleagues to accept an amendment to add \$750,000 to the program I'm interested in, would that make you vote against LB 90?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: I don't base on speculation, Senator Chambers. I'd have to evaluate.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Like they evaluated \$15 million. You see how they can get the \$15 million, but they got to proceed with such caution when we're talking bout \$750,000? Proceed with caution. I'm going to turn my light on one more time.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Time. Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers, you're recognized.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I have to fight my rural colleagues to try to help them. More than \$750,000 is at stake here. You need to stand up and stop these people from pointing their finger. I saw a finger pointed in their face, just like this, with the expression that I'm giving. I want you all to see it. People