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just a second. Senator Landis and Senator Smith, would you please come forward? Senator Landis, you're recognized.

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Cudaback, I am...I will withdraw my objection to this as being the same. Senator Smith has demonstrated to me that there is a difference and I agree to that fact. I withdraw my raising of the question that this was a 30-vote amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. It will now require 25 votes. You've heard the opening on AM1610. Open for discussion. Senator Smith. Senator Smith waives his opportunity. Senator Connealy.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. President, members. This is a capped section of the law. This is not an unlimited amount of money. You add people to this, you add more communities to this and it pulls away from other parts. I believe it would actually move more of these projects east, so I don't know if it's actually good for the 3rd District to have this. I believe that the way to have this is have it active in little towns and counties that have a harder time getting those kind of jobs, so that you have people that don't transfer over to the next town and work in a bigger city, in a Norfolk or in Lincoln or in Omaha. I think that this is the wrong way to go. If you're going to add money to this section of the bill then I'd be in agreement with it, but if you're going to transfer the money to somebody else, I think that it could prove to be a negative for rural development.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Connealy. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Landis a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Landis.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Landis, have you ever considered running for Congress, me lad?