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notion...fly-by-night notion that somebody brings. On the other hand, \$75,000 is not a lot of money, and the grantee is given, I believe, two years--it used to be five, it may have been amended down to two--two years to use that money; two years to spend \$75,000. That is not a lot of money. If my amendment is adopted, an additional \$750,000 will be put into the A bill. That will provide \$1 million. I think that is reasonable. I think it is fair. Not in the sense of having parity between what the rural area is getting and what the big ones in the urban areas will be getting, but fair in the sense of at least providing a program enough money to have a chance to survive. If anything happens, and the total amount is not expended in accord with the requirements of the bill, the money is not going to go away. It cannot be used for any other purpose. The bill deals with a two-year period. That money can carry over. But I would like those entities which may desire to use this program to not have to get the notion that it's like the race to the courthouse--who is going to be the first one to get there to get the money--so plans cannot be laid carefully, grants may not be well-written, proposals may be accepted just to get the money.

SENATOR SCHIMEK PRESIDING

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm asking that my colleagues adopt my amendment, which would add a mere \$750,000 to an entire program. One grantee will not be able to get all of this money. I am not increasing the amount available in any individual grant. Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. The next light is Senator Wehrbein's, followed by Senators Loudon, Stuthman, and Chambers. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. If my gray hair was dark, if I was here 20 years ago, if I hadn't made a commitment a few weeks ago to stay with the \$250,000, if I was coming back in a couple more years, or three or four, if I was to retire here in ten years, if I thought that there was not enough money to even get started, but really, if I