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adding. Your ethanol areas, they've been talking for most of the afternoon on your ethanol plants and some of your value adding in areas, and your livestock feed as a by-product. Really, in the western end of the state, what we do the...have the most use for is wheat middlings. We don't...we're too far away to utilize any of the ethanol plant by-products, so the wheat middlings are something that they're quite useful on the range country up there. And there's a lot of that fed out in the range country. At the present time, there isn't anything in Nebraska that does anything to value add to the wheat so that we can have wheat middlings from Nebraska. Most all of them that we get either come in from South Dakota or come in from Kansas. So this type of money added to something like that would at least make it worthwhile so that there probably could be a chance. If somebody wanted to make a study and see if they could get something going on that matter, why, it would give us a chance to get something going. So I certainly support Senator Chambers' amendment, and I commend him for bringing it forwards. Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Louden. Senator Stuthman, you're next to speak.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. Realistically, looking at what we have before us, the bill, LB 90A, with the \$250,000 in that program, with the projects, the maximum amount of a project could be \$75,000. So realistically, we could only fund four projects. That isn't very many projects. I think, you know, we need to hopefully get some more money into that fund, and what better way than to utilize some of that money, that \$15 million that we appropriated for job training? Just think of the benefit that we could get out of that job training \$15 million in creating some of these rural incentive projects. I think that would really work out well. We could really utilize part of that \$15 million, so that it is a benefit to the rural areas in job training, so we can have more than just the four projects. But on the other hand, you know, I have to look at it as, you know, where are we going to come up with that other \$750,000? That is always a problem also. But I think if we really concentrate and can expand the economy, creating more jobs, having more people