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paying taxes to the state of Nebraska, it would give us a return on our investment very great. So I...you know, I look at this as that, you know, we could just simply add a little bit more to this, hopefully, so we can utilize part of that job training money that we had put in a bill just the other day. Maybe then we can improve outstate rural communities. I think it would be a real benefit. So those are my comments. That's where I'm coming from; \$250,000 really with just four projects, maybe eight projects. But if you get a project with only \$20,000 or a little bit bait out there for a few projects, the majority of the time, those projects never do survive. Some of the other ones don't survive either. But I think there's more of an opportunity for them to survive if they knew that there was more chance of more projects to be available. I'll give the balance of my time back to the Chair. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Senator Chambers, your light is next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Madam President, members of the Legislature, if it were not for the fact that we have a television system that will allow the senators to hear what we're saying on the floor, I would feel like what we're saying here is wasted. This Chamber is as empty now as it is when they offer the prayer in the morning. But I'm counting on the fact that those senators who had talked to me about supporting this amendment will deliver by way of a vote. However, had I not said what I just did, the cold words in the record would not make it clear that the Chamber is virtually empty. But the record should make that point clear, because the issue being discussed relates to the rural area. I have been critical of ethanol. I've been critical of LB 312 and similar bills which will provide benefits to the big-monied interests who have promised that, through a trickle-down theory, some benefit may come to the bulk of the people who make up the society. This little rural program comes closer than the others that I've seen to doing that. There can be no grandiose schemes. These are going to have to aim at the areas and the people who need the help the most. Although, as has always been the case, those who need the help the most will be the last served and will get the least, nonetheless, when opportunities come to provide some