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relief to those areas and those people, we ought to take the opportunity. I do not believe that \$1 million is enough to do anything of that much consequence. But because of the nature of the program that is under discussion, the limitation on the amounts of the grants available, the types of activities that can be engaged in, \$1 million will give this program a better chance to be taken seriously, to have some viability when it starts, and it will not be DOA--dead on arrival. Maybe the intent when it was put into LB 90 as a part of the overall package, as they call it, was to placate, to humor the rural representatives on the floor, by saying, before you had nothing, now we're giving you something. Senator Louden pointed out that at the time these various deals, as they are called, were being made, you'll notice that the big urban interests never did agree to anything that impinged on them in any way. They got more than they have ever had before. They don't even have to create jobs, and they can get incentives, just because they're bringing their good presence to an area. That's not how the rural people were dealt with. No, they were cut, cut, cut, made to feel that they have to take next to nothing, otherwise, get on away from the table. This is a part of this editorial I want to read, which I handed out, from the North Platte Telegraph, dated January 20, ...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...2002. Those of us...and it's captioned: "Ernie can teach us a lot; Chambers a friend to the minority, including the West." Next to the last paragraph: "Those of us in the western part of the state have much to learn from Chambers. He can teach us all how to be heard. That knowledge will come in handy whenever we hold the minority viewpoint." That time is now. I hope the lesson has taken root, and we will stand together and give this little bit to a program that needs it and is entitled to more. Thank you, Madam President.

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

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Schimek, members. Senator Cunningham, would you yield to a question?