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And those who say, well, the rurals are protected, no, they're Only by the way that it's been administered. statute, they are not. Everyone has a right to file. Then I have the chart there that shows the last 20 years. I've taken five-year intervals. Twenty years ago, the needs were assessed and determined to be about \$3 million. The rural use of that about \$300,000; and urban use, was \$.25 million, or \$2.5 million. Now jump down to that same...those same columns, and see what it is today. Rural use...and I've put those in quote marks, because I don't like those terms, including the use of the word "poor" up above. But I didn't create the terms. Into the rural use, it's now over \$1 million; and urban use is under \$400,000, which is divided, Lincoln and Omaha. Omaha got about \$250,000 this last year. Obviously, not meeting the needs. Obviously, unexamined. Obviously, not reviewed. The purpose of all of this is to deal with the elderly and the The department, in administering it, has assumed handicapped. that people that are in rural areas are more isolated if they're handicapped than in city areas. And that's another huge problem...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR KRUSE: ...with this. We need to talk about. can show...I've lived in Omaha and Broken Bow and Shelton and Boelus and Norfolk. I can show you persons in both Broken Bow and Omaha who are totally isolated, living alone, handicapped. When they need to get to the doctor or the hospital, they need The chart shows the comprehensive look at the needs. You'll see how the rural has changed. The CPI index on that first \$3 million would now be \$6 million. The needs now are well above \$6 million. And so the way that we got the \$3 million in the budget was to say, well, let's say rural is one-third of the state. Then the full three-thirds would be \$3 million. That's the way we came to that. Obviously, the \$3 million is way below the need. And if everybody applied for the funds, it would be in real trouble. I am disturbed that we would want to put off, for any length of time, ...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.