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mechanism that was to provide that, while it's still providing some of the money, is not providing all of it because, as I mentioned before, that purpose has been perverted, and it's been perverted to go to a nonstate owned building, the Civic Auditorium, because the Civic Auditorium has been such a success and they have been such good managers that ten years ago it was falling down. Now they are building a convention center which they will not maintain and that will be falling down and they will come here to another generation of legislators and say, we need to have the money and it's for the good of everybody. No, it's not for the good of everybody,...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR TYSON: ...it's good for some people in Omaha,...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR TYSON: ...not everybody in Omaha, those elderly, living on fixed income, it's not to their benefit.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Senator, time. Senator Kruse.

SENATOR KRUSE: Mr. Speaker, I move the question.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: That won't be necessary, you are the last light. Senator Wickersham, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, let us review what this amendment does and how I think it can fit into a policy framework that makes it appropriate for this bill. What this amendment does is reduce the MIRE allocation to Lincoln and Omaha by one-half of the amount that they would receive under the principle provisions of LB 657. It means that they will actually have in gross effect about a one-half reduction in the amount of monies that they would receive under the provisions of LB 657, if it's not amended. That's true. It's a reduction of funding for Lincoln and Omaha. There's also a small reduction in the gross amount that is available for allocation under MIRE in general, there's a \$50,000 reduction. That does not result in a significant dollar impact on anyone.