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Do 20,000 citizens in one size town get the same amount of money out of a fund as 250,000 citizens in Lancaster County? That's not even a rough approximation of justice. And this is a bill that has not been thought through, does not have the usual kinds of sophisticated provisions that differentiate cities of the first class, cities of the second class, et cetera, so that there is some kind of equivalent of justice in terms of what people have contributed to this, as opposed to letting everybody contribute according to the number of individuals but then, when the money is doled out, they don't get it back in accordance with the number of individuals. So the city of Lincoln sacrifices twice: once by agreeing to the Omaha Convention Center, and then twice if we don't even get out of the fund an amount of money that's somewhere near what was put in. It's not that everybody has to be exactly the same, but a one-size-fit-all provision is simply not a very sophisticated piece of legislation and, in this case, not a very fair piece of legislation, and I don't see how it can be fairly proposed. Senator Janssen, let me ask you a question, if I may.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Janssen, would you yield, please?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Absolutely.

SENATOR BEUTLER: You know, we've been talking a little bit but I don't have a clear sense from you as to whether, before Select File, you're willing to sit down and restructure this in some more sophisticated fashion that would make it more fair. Are you willing to do that or not? I mean I...

SENATOR JANSSEN: Well,...

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...if...maybe we should just start discussing this real seriously right now if we need to.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Well, Senator Beutler, I don't think you've ever found me not amenable to compromise of some kind. I'll sit down with anyone, anytime, anywhere. But what I...when listening to you say how the money is going in there, actually, that is coming from this one site. I mean there...the only time that you would ever help contribute to this buildup of money is